



Mrs. Bettye Sue Rivers Eaton

September 24, 1936 - November 1, 2024

Bettye Sue Rivers Eaton, age 88, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 1, 2024, at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Ronald and Julie Sumner, in Sylvester, Georgia.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at the First Baptist Church of Sylvester, interment will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Worth County. The Rev. Donnie Duncan will officiate.

She was born September 24, 1936, at home in Sumner, Georgia, to Jake and “Jackie” Mildred Rivers.

A 1954 graduate of Sylvester High School, Bettye Sue went to work in September of that year at the USMC Supply Center in Albany, Georgia. Over a career in federal service spanning 40 years, she served in a variety of managerial and supervisory roles in Albany; Chicago, IL; and Camp Lejeune, NC. She retired as the Director, Life Cycle Management Center, Marine Corps Logistic Base, Albany, GA, October, 1998. A respected leader and beloved mentor, Bettye Sue was the first woman inducted into the Marine Corps Logistics Command Hall of Fame, October, 2008.

Mrs. Eaton was a faithful member of First Baptist Church Sylvester where she was a former Sunday School teacher. She enjoyed reading, cheering on the Rams baseball team, and spending time at the beach. She treasured her family and friends, loving them all “so good.” She will be remembered for her extraordinary generosity, her love for others, and her joyful spirit.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Ronald and Julie Sumner, nephew Scott Sumner, a number of cousins, and her beloved Sumner extended family.

Mrs. Eaton was preceded in death by her parents, Jake and “Jackie” Rivers; her husband, Major Max B. Eaton, USMC; and son, John Lawrence Eaton.

The family will receive friends on Monday from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM at Banks Funeral Home.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to First Baptist Church Sylvester Preschool, Best Friends Humane Society, or your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

701 S. Isabella Street
Sylvester, GA 31791

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home
PO Box 550
210 N. Main Street
Sylvester, GA 31791
(229) 776-2055
banksfh@yahoo.com
<http://banks.funeralplan2.com/>

Funeral Service

NOV 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
207 N. Isabella St.
Sylvester, GA 31791

Burial

NOV 5 (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery
701 S. Isabella Street
Sylvester, GA 31791

Tribute Wall

RO

“ So sorry to hear about Miss Bettye Sue but it sounds like she lived a wonderful life. First met her in 1966 when she was my next door neighbor and I used to play with her son Johnny. Was her neighbor again when both families moved a few miles down the road to Hubert NC. She was always nice and I will always remember that. Rest in Peace and say hello to Johnny for me.

Robert Allen Olson - December 17, 2024 at 06:01 PM

RR

“ Ronda Kay Rueff lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Sue Rivers Eaton



Ronda Kay Rueff - November 12, 2024 at 07:12 AM

KZ

“ I will miss waiting on Ms. Bettye where I work. She always had a beautiful smile & we would always chat. She loved spending time at her family-she would tell me about watching the games. Ms. Bettye had such a beautiful spirit. May God bless her family.

Kathy Zipperer - November 11, 2024 at 04:10 PM

JS

“ Judy Barfield Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Sue Rivers Eaton



Judy Barfield Smith - November 06, 2024 at 06:05 PM

EC

“ Elizabeth W Cowles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Sue Rivers Eaton



Elizabeth W Cowles - November 04, 2024 at 12:52 PM

SC

“ Dear Family, My parents (both deceased) Simeon W. Carter and Beth Braswell Carter were long time childhood friends of Bettye Sue and always spoke fondly of her and shared wonderful childhood memories!
Our sympathy, Stephen & Joy Carter

Stephen Carter - November 04, 2024 at 12:16 PM

HH

“ Harriet Haskins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Sue Rivers Eaton



Harriet Haskins - November 04, 2024 at 06:58 AM

SC

“ Julie, Ronald and Scott, My years spent living in Sylvester were made more enjoyable and memorable by meeting and knowing Bettye Sue. She was such a sweet and loving woman. I always enjoyed interacting with her. She was always so positive and supportive. I was fortunate enough to run into her a few times after I moved. I have been missing her and will continue to do so. I am unable to attend her services in person but will definitely be there in spirit. Much love and prayers for each of you.

Sue B. Crutchfield - November 03, 2024 at 05:56 PM

DK

“ Davis and I will miss seeing Bettye Sue at church and events all around ! She was smiling and always pleasant ! A faithful servant, she is now in her heavenly home ! Praise God for a life well lived ! Prayers for all of you in the vining days !
Sincerely, Davis and Donna King

Donna King - November 03, 2024 at 07:19 AM

LB

“ Dear Julie, Ronald, and Scott I am so sorry for your loss. She was a special friend and a respected boss. Earl enjoyed working for her. She was a friend to all and was loved by all. Praying for peace and comfort for all of you v
Love, Leila

Leila Beanblossom - November 02, 2024 at 10:08 PM

LC

“ *Larry Crowe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Sue Rivers Eaton*



Larry Crowe - November 02, 2024 at 10:06 PM

JC

“ *June Coker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Sue Rivers Eaton*



June Coker - November 02, 2024 at 08:37 PM

AR

“ *So sorry to hear about Bettye Sue. Rest in Peace.*



Alice Rusconi - November 02, 2024 at 08:21 PM

RL

“ *Rita Leggett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Sue Rivers Eaton*



Rita Leggett - November 02, 2024 at 06:57 PM

RD

“ *Randy & Nancy Dawson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Sue Rivers Eaton*



Randy & Nancy Dawson - November 02, 2024 at 05:55 PM

SS

“ I'm so sorry to hear this, Ms. Betty was a sweet sweet soul.



Selina Sauls - November 02, 2024 at 05:42 PM

WS

“ So sorry to hear about Bettye Sue. Prayers for Julie, Ron and Scott. Doug really enjoyed working for her at MCLB. She was a dear friend and a great neighbor. We are so glad we visited with her before she passed. We will miss her dearly. Love you Bettye Sue. Doug and Wanda Saunders

Wanda Saunders - November 02, 2024 at 05:28 PM

BP

“ Bonnie Potts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Sue Rivers Eaton



Bonnie Potts - November 02, 2024 at 04:34 PM

ST

“ Sandy Tomberlin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Sue Rivers Eaton



Sandy Tomberlin - November 02, 2024 at 03:46 PM

SW

“ Sandra & Ronald Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Sue Rivers Eaton



Sandra & Ronald Westbrook - November 02, 2024 at 02:55 PM

CH

“ Charlotte Souter Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Sue Rivers Eaton



Charlotte Souter Hall - November 02, 2024 at 02:35 PM

KW

“ Julie and family, Bobby and I are so sorry to hear of Bettye Sue's passing. She was an exceptional lady and a great encourager. It was simply her gift from the Lord. Everyone loved her. You all will be in our prayers. Love, Bobby & Karen Watson



Karen watson - November 02, 2024 at 02:11 PM

SK

“ To the family of Ms. Betty Sue, My daddy , Carrol Roberts, worked with her at MCLB. She was a wonderful friend with a loving heart. She will be missed by many. We pray the Lord will give you all comfort, peace and strength during this difficult time and days ahead. Sharon Roberts Kiger

sharon Roberts Kiger - November 02, 2024 at 01:12 PM

CM

We're so sorry to hear of Mrs. Bettye Sue's passing. She was a very friendly, uplifting and encouraging person. May God bless and keep the family is our prayer. William Ponder, Joann Essic and Carolyn Mayberry.

Carolyn Mayberry - November 03, 2024 at 07:56 AM

DB

“ Debbie Ray Banks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Sue Rivers Eaton



Debbie Ray Banks - November 02, 2024 at 12:59 PM

PT

“ *Peggy Tompkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Sue Rivers Eaton*



Peggy Tompkins - November 02, 2024 at 12:44 PM

CO

“ *Connie Thornhill Old lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Sue Rivers Eaton*



Connie Thornhill Old - November 02, 2024 at 12:28 PM

TM

“ *Tonya Mcmurphy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Sue Rivers Eaton*



Tonya Mcmurphy - November 02, 2024 at 11:59 AM

CJ

“ *Julie and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Betty Sue was a special person with a wonderful gift of love and cheer. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word for all. Heaven's gain and our loss. May the Good Lord wrap his arms around you all and comfort you as only he can. Love, Carole Jones*



Carole Burkhart Jones - November 02, 2024 at 11:52 AM

KM

“ *Karen McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Sue Rivers Eaton*



Karen McDonald - November 02, 2024 at 10:25 AM

NE

“ Neila Ellis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Sue Rivers Eaton



Neila Ellis - November 02, 2024 at 10:10 AM

SB

“ Betty sue was one of the sweetest lady's I new I always got hugs from her at 1st baptist church preschool programs she will be greatly missed we love you and praying for Julie Ronald and scott ❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️❤️love Stacey

stacey Blake - November 02, 2024 at 09:58 AM

MW

“ Martha. Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Sue Rivers Eaton



Martha. Walker - November 02, 2024 at 09:14 AM

MH

“ Mack And Mary Houston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Sue Rivers Eaton



Mack and Mary Houston - November 02, 2024 at 08:05 AM

EC

“ Julie, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. What a reunion she had with Mrs. Rivers and Jesus. She was so sweet and had the biggest smile and great hugs. She will be missed. Hugs to you. God bless you. RIP Bettye Sue!



Evelyn Fletcher Castleberry - November 02, 2024 at 07:25 AM

LH

I am so sorry to hear about Betty Sue. Praying for the family.

Linda Harden - November 03, 2024 at 07:18 AM

JY

Julie, I am so sorry to her of Bettye Sue's passing. She was such a kind and thoughtful person. Prayers for you and your family.

Jo Ann Youngblood

JoAnn Youngblood - November 04, 2024 at 08:13 PM