



Betty June McClendon

June 22, 1933 - December 26, 2010

Betty June Heflin was born on June 22, 1933, to Fred E. Heflin and Mattie V. Roderick Heflin in Arlington, Missouri. She attended school in Arlington and Newburg. Betty accepted Christ as her Savior when she was 12 years old at New Home Baptist Church in Newburg, Missouri. She spent many happy years growing up with her brother and sisters. On July 8, 1949, she married Billy G. McClendon of Dixon, Missouri. They were married in Pocahontas, Arkansas, and celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary last July. During the early years of their marriage they had two daughters, Linda and Mary. After her children were raised, she became a cook for the Dixon School System and later for the Dixon Senior Citizens Center. She was known for her homemade dinner rolls and cinnamon rolls; she never failed to draw a dinner crowd. Her hobbies included singing, playing piano, sewing, and playing a mean game of dominoes.

Betty's focus her entire life was her family. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her greatest delight was cooking for her family, and her specialty was preparing Sunday dinner for every member of the family who could make the weekly gathering.

When her husband broke his hip in July 2007, their lives changed. Billy experienced a series of health problems that caused him to need 24-hour care. Even though he had to live at the Richland Care Center, Betty went to

see him every day. That was quite a feat for a person with COPD, but she managed. Earlier this year, her health began to decline forcing her to limit her visits to the Care Center. In August of this year, she decided to move to the Care Center as well in order to spend more time with her husband. This was a difficult decision for her because she loved her home.

Betty passed away at the Ozark Community Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, on Sunday, December 26, 2010. Betty had a million-dollar smile and a healing touch; she leaves a gap that no one else can fill in her family. She will be greatly missed by her husband, Billy; her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Dave Paddock of Richland; her granddaughter Debra Paddock of Jacksonville Beach, Florida; her grandson and his wife, Jeffrey and Misty Paddock and their son, Hunter, all of Richland; her granddaughter and her husband Peggy and Sam Ligo and their sons, Adam and David of Fort Leonard Wood. Betty was preceded in death by her mother, father, brother, and three sisters. She also leaves to mourn her passing a sister, Margie Kindle, of Doolittle, a brother-in-law, John McClendon of Crocker, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, December 29, 2010 in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Pastor Dwain Carter officiating. Music selections included "Amazing Grace" and "I Can Only Imagine". Serving as escorts were James Clark, Brady Brown, Dwain Carter, Matthew Campbell, Jason Shelton and Tony Claar. Honorary escorts were Dave Paddock, Jeffrey Paddock, Sam Ligo and Gary Paddock. Burial followed in the Pisgah Cemetery, Dixon, Missouri. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty June McClendon*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *To the Family of Betty, I was so sorry to read of the passing of Betty. She was a very lovely woman and yes, a great cook. She was cook for me at the Dixon Senior Center when I was the Administrator. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her, but she's watching over us all. Keeping you in my prayers and may God comfort you.##imported-begin##Nan Quick##imported-end##*

January 15, 2011 at 02:48 PM



“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your wonderful Mother and Wife. I have the fondest memories of the kindness Betty showed me in my childhood.*

Janie##imported-begin##Janie (Buehl) Gutierrez##imported-end##

December 30, 2010 at 07:10 PM



“ *Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. I pray you find comfort and peace in this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Beth Humphrey##imported-end##*

December 30, 2010 at 12:06 AM



“ I will miss Aunt Betty, but she will be with me forever. She meant the world to me as does Uncle Bill. Even though we have been seperated due to my living in New Jersey my whole life I always shared a special closeness to her and love her very much. I regret not being able to attend her funeral due to finances but she is now with my mother (Eunice Mclendon) in Dixon and I am sure she is with our lord.##imported-begin##Billy Moore##imported-end##

December 29, 2010 at 03:28 PM



“ I remember Betty as a very friendly person and always having a smile on her face. I am so sorry for your loss. May God be with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Carmen Hauck##imported-end##

December 29, 2010 at 10:30 AM



“ we will miss you and will always think of you and your family.##imported-begin##john w stauffer##imported-end##

December 29, 2010 at 05:58 AM



“ Betty will be surely missed. She was a wonderful woman, and a loving mother. She was my sister-in-law and I Loved her very much##imported-begin##Ralph L Stauffer Sr##imported-end##

December 29, 2010 at 12:25 AM



“ Words cannot express the sadness in my heart. Aunt Betty was one of those people that always made you feel special and welcome. I am thankful for the memories I will cherish forever##imported-begin##Vickie L. Bowen##imported-end##

December 28, 2010 at 06:59 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss!##imported-begin##Janet Rigsby##imported-end##

December 28, 2010 at 12:39 PM



“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers in your loss. We will continue to pray for each of you as you face the difficult days ahead.##imported-begin##Martin and Georgia White##imported-end##

December 27, 2010 at 02:13 PM