



Beatrice Justus

November 16, 1912 - November 16, 2011

Beatrice Justus, 99, of Smithville, Arkansas, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at Baptist Medical Center in Arkadelphia. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Woodrow Justus. Her children are Nancy Elliott and husband, Carroll of Milford, Virginia and Rita Guthrie and husband, James of Arkadelphia, Arkansas. She has five grandchildren, Shannon Schiebel and husband Joey, Beaverdam, Virginia; Jennifer Wilson and husband Keith, Maumelle; and Jessica Hinson and husband, Chris, Little Rock; Ian Smith and Kloey Graf, San Diego, California; her three great-grandchildren are Ryan and Tyler Schiebel and Brynley Nicole Wilson. Also, left to celebrate her life are her loving care providers, Linda Davis and Cori Davidson of Arkadelphia, Liz Curlin of Hot Springs and Barbara Scott of Arkadelphia.

She loved her church, Smithville Baptist, and saw to it that a Vacation Bible School was started there many years ago. She also served as treasurer and taught Sunday School for several years. Often taking leadership positions, she served as PTA President at Sloan-Hendrix High School in Imboden when her daughters attended there. She worked at the Smithville Post Office from 1950 until 1977.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **19**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Smithville Baptist Church
Smithville

Tribute Wall

LF

“ Bro. James and Rita, We never knew Granny Bea except from comments from the two of you. She sounded like an amazing person. After reading some of the words left for you we feel we missed an opportunity. You have to be very proud to call her your mom and mother-in-law. I know you miss her every day, what an adjustment! You must feel like you lost a good friend, your mom and like losing a child since you took care of her daily. Our thoughts are with you . As christians I know you celebrate knowing you will see her again.

Irwin and Lloydine

Lloydine and Irwin Seale - Sparkman, AR - friend - December 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

G,

“ Very sorry for your loss:

I was a classmate with Nancy until she left Lynn School in 6th grade. Mrs Justus was very active with her daughters in the school system. Nancy's dad was a pillar to the community as our postmaster, member of PTA, owner of car dealership in Smithville, Ark. and cafe owner. Still have a lot of memories of climbing in the magnolia tree that was in front of the Justus home in Smithville.

Its such a shame to see an era end but its our final destiny and me and the community around Smithville will all agree that Beatrice will be missed greatly.

Sincerely

Gene Powers

Gene Powers - Chatsworth, CA - friend of family ,classmate - November 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Mrs. Justus was such a joy to spend time with, I will miss her.*

Dawana Smith - Arkadelphia, AR - friend - November 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *I remember Mrs. Bea for her faithfulness to her church, Smithville Baptist. She loved her Lord and serving Him through His church. She was always kind and encouraging to me and my husband, and we will treasure our memories of her. Our prayers are with you, the family, as you celebrate her life, even as you grieve for her loss. May you experience God's presence and tender mercies during this time.*

Lexie Sullivan - Smithville, AR - friend - November 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *To the Justus family, I have many fond memories of Ms. Bea and also Mr. Woodrow. Growing up in Smithville and going to church there for almost 40 years I grew to love all the older folks. I remember as a child on Halloween we went trick or treating (which you did then) we got home made popcorn balls at their house and home made sugar cookies at Ms Avo Bakers house, you always had to get our early or you would miss out. Ms. Bea will be truly missed. I remember one time I was visiting the church and she always sit behind my parents and someone visiting came in and sit in the pew in front of her and she told them right quick that they were sitting in the Lillard's pew. She was a truly wonderful Christian lady and she will be missed by all that got to know her. I thank the Lord for pioneer women that helped make Lawrence Co. AR a place to call home. May God Bless all of you and I truly am sorry for your loss. James and Rita I know you will miss her so much. We love you.*

Teresa (Lillard) Bussey Fountain Inn SC

Teresa Bussey - Fountain Inn, SC - friend - November 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I remember Mrs Bea and Brother Woodrow for being such kind and caring people. They were always an important part of Smithville Baptist Church. Even though Rita and I didn't attend the same school, we were the best of friends. I spent the night with her many times and I can Remember Mrs. Bea making Carmel Corn for us. Rita and I also played dressup. She had some of the greatest clothes and makeup. May God Bless You and Yours, and May he be with you in this time of grief. A friend to Rita and a cousin to James.
Mary Lue.

Mary Lue Bolding (Cook) - Irving, TX - Friend - November 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Bro. James and Mrs. Rita, We just wanted you guys to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Granny Bea was such a precious lady and we know she is shining bright and happy in the arms of Jesus.

We love you both!

Mike, Tina Gray & Family - Donaldson, AR - Friends - November 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Bro. James and Rita:

Granny Bea was such a joy to be around and we are so blessed to have known her. You guys are so special to us, we love you and hope you will let us know if there is anything at all we can do for you. you will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers!

Pee Wee and Sheryl Strother - Donaldson, AR - Friends - November 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ We are sorry for your loss, and we will continue to keep your family in our prayers.

*God Bless You,
Jathan and Kay*

Jathan and Kay Seale - Sparkman, AR - church members of Guthries -
November 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ I loved Ms. Bea SO much. Many, many of my childhood memories revolve around her and Mr. Woody. Homemade icecream after church on Sunday nights, playing on the swingset, and walking thru the cemetary behind their house. I loved her like a Grandma! I'm praying for your family during this time.

Erica HITT Johnson - Hot Springs, AR - Friend - November 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM