



IN LOVING MEMORY



Betty Frances Baxter Smith

MAY 15, 1928 - SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025
11:00 A.M.

NELSON & SONS CHAPEL MURFREESBORO
448 EAST BURTON ST, MURFREESBORO, TN



Obituary

Betty Frances Baxter Smith was born May 15, 1928 in Nashville, TN to Riley Baxter, Sr. and Effie Mitchell Baxter. She transitioned from this earthly life to eternal life on September 22, 2025.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Riley Sr. and Effie Mitchell Baxter; husband, Joe Smith; sisters, Mrs. Loretta Green, Mrs. Claudia Martin, Mrs. Lucille Allen, Mrs. Jennie Craig and Aleyene Garner; sons, Joseph McDonald and Billy McDonald; brothers, Mr. Bruce Baxter, Mr. Luther Baxter and Riley Baxter, Jr; niece, Vevlon McMurray; nephew, Lawrence Choate.

Betty became a member of Mt. Zion Baptist at an early age, under the leadership of JW Pitts. She received her education in the public schools of Davidson County. She worked in the dry-cleaning industry as well as the childcare industry. A hobby she enjoyed was knitting. She loved being a wife and homemaker.

She leaves to treasure her memories son, Michael McDonald; devoted nieces, Alesia Wilson, Rebecca Martin, Joan Bass, Effie Hargroves, JoAnn Millon, Angela Baxter, Karen Woodruff and Jessica Brooks; nephews, Alonza Martin, Riley Baxter, III and Thomas Wilson; and a host of other family members.

Order of Service

Scripture.....	Lonnie Choate
Prayer.....	Bro. Albert Nelson
Song.....	Pastor Riley Baxter III
Words of Comfort.....	Bro. Chris Whitaker & Ken Gaines
Song.....	Effie Hargrove
Eulogy.....	Pastor Riley Baxter III
Closing Prayer.....	Pastor Riley Baxter III

Interment

Lovvorn Cemetery - Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Acknowledgement

Our hearts are bowed in sorrow over the passing of our loved one. Special thanks to Eaton Creek Post Acute faculty and staff for their care.