

Piedmont resident, Betty Joyce (Hillis) Bedingfield, 86, died at home Friday, September 6, 2019, after an extended illness.

She was born to Savada (Hyatt) Hillis and Arcie Wilson Hillis December 18, 1932, in Hazel Green, Montgomery County, AL, to a family of sharecroppers. Joyce graduated from Central High School in McMinnville, TN, in 1950 and earned her Registered Nurse designation from Baptist College in Nashville, TN, in 1953. She worked as an RN until her daughters were born, then became a full-time mother and homemaker. She married John R. Bedingfield, Jr., in Charleston, SC, in 1963.

Joyce was fiercely independent and did not let an illness early in life stop her from reaching her goals. She overcame many obstacles and persevered in a time that was not so easy for women. While she loved working in the Operating Room and loved her family, she also enjoyed painting, quilting, drawing, writing poems, going to Deadwood with friends and family, volunteering as a poll worker in Piedmont, SD, playing Bridge with the Ruffs and Sluffs group, and observing the abundant wildlife from her sun porch in the Black Hills.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 56 years, John R. Bedingfield, Jr., MD, Piedmont, SD; brother, John T. Hillis, McMinnville, TN; daughters, Jennifer (David) Utter, Piedmont, SD, Jessica (Ted) Stefaniak, Green Bay, WI, and Jacqueline (Chris) Pinard, La Livinière, France; and grandchildren, Johnathon Utter, Piedmont, SD, and Sarah Stefaniak and Hannah Stefaniak of Green Bay, WI.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Joyce Bedingfield Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund, c/o Wells Fargo Bank, 825 Saint Joseph Street, Rapid City, SD 57701.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



Life is short, but love is eternal.

Tell your loved ones every day that you love them.



In Loving Memory

Joyce Bedingfield

December 18, 1932 ~ September 6, 2019



The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.*

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

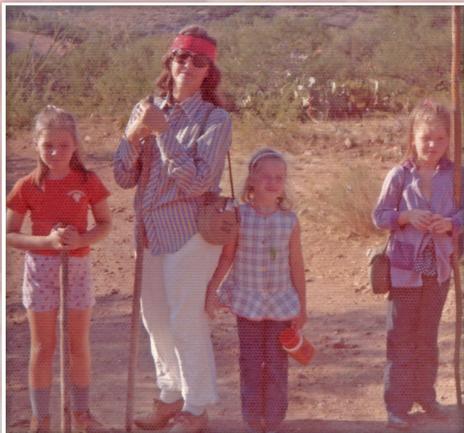
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom,

the power, and the glory,

forever and ever.

Amen.



In Memory Of Betty Joyce (Hillis) Bedingfield

Date of Birth

December 18, 1932
Hazel Green, Alabama

Date of Death

September 6, 2019
Piedmont, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.
Foothills Community Baptist Church
Piedmont, South Dakota

Honorary Pallbearers

John T. Hillis David Utter Ted Stefaniak Chris Pinard
Johnathon Utter Sarah Stefaniak Hannah Stefaniak

Order of Service

Prelude: Paul O'Dell

Solo: "Amazing Grace" - Kenneth Oakley

Opening Prayer: Pastor Robert Hower

Obituary Reading: Pastor Robert Hower

Special Reading: "The Pioneer Builder" - Jennifer Utter

Solo: "How Great Thou Art" - Kenneth Oakley

Remarks: Pastor Robert Hower

Poem: "When Tomorrow Starts Without Me"

- Author: David M. Romano ~ Narrated By: John R. Bedingfield, Jr. MD

Postlude: Paul O'Dell

Inurnment

At A Later Date