



## Betty Jo Gouge

January 12, 1929 - December 20, 2020

Betty Gouge, 91, of Erwin, TN went home to be with her Lord, Sunday, December 20, 2020 at Governor's Bend Retirement & Assisted Living in Erwin, TN. She was born in Erwin, TN on January 12, 1929, a daughter of the late Mary Clayton Parker. In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her husband, Sidney Hugh Gouge; son, Claude Michael Gouge; step father, Hobert Parker; and grandmother, Creasy Clayton.

Betty loved her church, First Christian Church in Erwin, where she was a member for over 60 years, and served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and member of the Hope Circle. Betty graduated with honors from ETSU in nursing and was the first system wide nurse for Unicoi County School System for over 20 years. She loved her friends that whom she spent time with cooking, playing golf, bowling, and board games. She was an avid reader and a member of the book club in Erwin. She coached basketball at the old Elm Street School and taught swimming lessons at Willow Park.

Betty is survived by her son, Mark Amos Gouge of Bristol, TN; grandson, Jeff Gouge of Johnson City, TN; granddaughter, Betsy Moston of Bristol, VA; great granddaughter, Shelby Moston of Bristol, VA; several nieces, nephews and other family members. The family would like to express a special thank you to Governor's Bend Retirement & Assisted Living for all the love and care shown to Betty.

In accordance with her wishes no services are planned. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting any memorial contributions in her name be sent to the charity of your choice. Condolences for the family may be sent and viewed by visiting [www.BlevinsCares.com](http://www.BlevinsCares.com). Mrs. Gouge and her family are in the care of Blevins Funeral & Cremation Services. (276) 669-6141.

# Comments

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“ Betty has always been a humble, loving, and wonderful woman. She and Sidney were loving and kind and I always remember their smiles and laughter. My mom Emma worked with Betty for many years and of course my whole family went to church with Betty and Sidney. She will be dearly missed. Prayers and condolences to you Mark and your family.



**Christy Smith** - December 29, 2020 at 07:14 PM

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“ Mark, so sorry to learn of your Mom's passing. May God send you comfort. Keeping you and your family in my prayers.

**Kathy Sawyer Bryant** - December 26, 2020 at 07:29 PM

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“ Mark,  
Jim and I are so sorry to hear about your mother. Please remember that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Jim and Tammy Barnes

**j barnes** - December 26, 2020 at 07:10 PM

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“ Betty Gouge has been in my eyes and heart since grammar school. Betty and Sid were part of the Great Generation that gave me much needed guidance and direction at Love Street and First Christian Church. In fact, they were heroes to me and still are. Through the decades, Betty maintained that same caring outreach to me at church, sporting events, or on the golf course. Even recently as we were neighbors on Ohio Avenue, I was welcomed into her home and treated like a family member. Visits to Governor's Bend found that same positive personality still eager for life. I feel lucky to have been sheltered by the Great Generation, who were never boastful, but always leaders with dignity.

**Lewis Thornberry** - December 26, 2020 at 01:21 PM

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“ Mark I am so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. I will always cherish her and your Dad and our memories on Jefferson Street. She and your Dad both were special people. I will always be blessed to call you my friend. Love always. Lisa Strickland Hopson

**Lisa Strickland Hopson** - December 25, 2020 at 08:49 AM

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“ Mark, I'm so very sorry to hear of Betty Jo's passing. I was just thinking of her two days ago. I always think of her you and your family at Christmas. Some of my best Christmas memories are going to the candlelight service at First Christian with you, then going to your house to visit with Sidney and Betty Jo, eating her amazing peanut butter divinity rolls and chocolate toffee bars and talking into the wee hours. I would like to call you but I don't know how. I will leave my number with the funeral home and perhaps we can connect.  
She was an amazing, generous, beautiful woman, and she will be missed on this earth.  
Sending you all my love and my prayers for peace and comfort.

**Robin Ingle** - December 24, 2020 at 01:35 PM

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“ Dearest Mark, I will always treasure the last talk I had with your mother, but most of all the greatest gift she ever gave me...You. All my love, Leslie

**Leslie Duggan** - December 24, 2020 at 11:25 AM

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“ Mark, the Faculty and Staff of Stonewall Jackson Elementary extend their deepest sympathy to you and your loved ones. We hold you in our thoughts and prayers.

**Linda Brittle** - December 23, 2020 at 08:59 PM