



# Betty W. Hamsley

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**B**etty Wilson Hamsley, 87 of Germantown, Tn and widow of Mr. James K. Hamsley, Sr. went home to be with the Lord, Friday, February 8, 2019. Daughter, sister, wife, mother, and grandmother – Betty was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi (8/02/31) and grew up in Grenada where she met and married Ken, her high school sweetheart in 1951. They were happily married for 65 years. After assignments in Jacksonville, FL, Elizabeth City, NC, and Corpus Christi, TX with the U.S. Navy, they finally settled in Memphis, TN around 1956. Their family quickly grew to four sons – Ken, Jr. (Gailor) of Memphis, TN; Keith (Debra) of Arlington, TN; Jeff (Siyan) of Piperton, TN and Mark (Lisa) of Somerville, TN along with the blessings of 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. While raising four boys, Betty found time to work first at the draft board Downtown when Memphis’ famous son, Elvis, was inducted. She then worked in the 60’s as personal secretary to Dr. John Shea before joining the Holiday Inn “family” for over 17 years. Later in her career she worked for HI franchisees while growing Ken’s office supply business, Hamsley Enterprises, for 34 years. In between doting on her grandchildren and great “grands” she joined The Woman’s Exchange as volunteer and bookkeeper. Betty and Ken, Sr. were dedicated members of Bellevue Baptist Church, growing in faith under pastors Dr. Lee, Dr. Pollard, Dr. Rogers and most recently Dr. Gaines. Also, she was a longtime member of Bellevue’s Philathea Sunday School class, and Community Bible Study. She was preceded in death by her parents and her only sibling, Mrs. Barbara Wilson Vance (Bill), and her first grandson, Christopher Hamsley. Visitation will be Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Memorial Park with services Wednesday at 2pm. The family suggests any memorials be sent to Bellevue Baptist Church’s Missions, Veterans of Foreign Wars or Our Daily Bread Ministries. All services will be held at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38119 (901) 767-8930. “Celebrating Life... Behind the Stone Wall”.



## Tribute Wall

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MF

**Margie Fields** posted:

The laughter over the many years of our friendship we have shared was special. Our trips to Grenada for our class reunions were always fun. You were a blessing to all of us. I love you and will miss you my friend.

February 16 at 5:51 AM

MR

**Murt And Bobby Murray, Ridgeland, Ms.** posted:

We are so sad to hear of our dear friend's passing. Betty was not only a high school classmate, but more than that, a special beloved friend. We spent happy hours at the 49ers class reunions reliving good times and so many memories. May God comfort and bless the family. We will truly miss her.

February 15 at 11:15 AM

PF

**Pamela Fahey** posted:

I had the pleasure of meeting Betty at a class reunion in Grenada ,Mississippi a few years ago. Rest in Peace sweet lady. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel.

February 14 at 6:22 PM

VE

**Vernon** posted:

Losing someone we love is never easy, but the Bible gives us hope that we can see our loved ones again. John 5:28,29

February 11 at 3:51 AM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Betty by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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