



## Betty Jean (Bebe) Luther

November 17, 1929 - May 21, 2024

Betty Jean (Bebe) Luther passed away May 21, 2024, at her home in Leesburg, FL. She passed with family around her and a view of the lake, just as she wanted. Betty Jean was born on November 17, 1929 in Columbus, MS. She was the only child of Mildred Sheets Brandon and George Shields Brandon. She grew up in Gulfport, MS and graduated from Gulfport HS in 1947. For college, she attended Ole Miss University in 1951 earning a BS in Sociology. She had fond memories of Mississippi eating fresh shrimp from the shrimp boats and learning to drive with her dad.

Betty married Richard M. Luther in Gulfport in 1952. They first lived in Cincinnati, OH before moving to Leesburg, FL in 1960 with their daughter. Soon after moving they had their son in 1961. They loved to go antiquing, sailing, and taking Sunday drives to look at houses and cars. Dick passed in their home in 2001, Betty by his side, also, with a view of the lake. He was the love of her life.

Bebe was well-known and loved by many people in her community. Those who knew her, knew she was a sharp-witted, strong, southern woman, known to match her glasses to her outfits, always having her jewelry on, and having her recognizable hair done. She loved to play cards weekly, shop till she dropped anywhere, anytime, and for anything, and host events which fueled her love of decorating and flower arranging. She was secretary of the Triangle

Club, a member of PEO, a member of the church, loved all animals (especially rabbits), and dressing up her baby dolls.

She deeply loved her family and friends. She loved to go out on the pontoon boat with her son and practice her winning shot with him out in the groves. She adored her trips to her condo in North Carolina, her favorite place other than her Leesburg home, and eating lunch at The Barn with her daughter and granddaughter. She always knew exactly what to say to make someone feel better and was beautiful inside and out.

She is survived by daughter Brenda Luther Horner (Doug) and son Richard B. Luther and grandchild Lauren Horner (her angel). She was a grandmother figure to Edward James (Stephanie), John James (Brianna) William James and many others. A memorial will be held June 8, 2024, at St. James Episcopal Church in Leesburg, FL at 11am.

Betty loved children and supporting the education of all. Donations in her memory can be made to PEO Foundation (Philanthropic Educational Organization), 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA, 50312 <https://www.peointernational.org/educational-support/peo-foundation/>

You can also eat some oysters (any kind), match your glasses to your outfits, or play a hand of cards and think of her.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St James Episcopal Church  
204 Lee St  
Leesburg, FL 34748-4915  
(352) 787-1981

# Tribute Wall

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“ Tiffany Breen & Chance Scott purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Betty Jean (Bebe) Luther.



Tiffany Breen & Chance Scott - June 08, 2024 at 06:34 AM

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“ Tiffany Breen & Chance Scott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Jean (Bebe) Luther.

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“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Jean (Bebe) Luther.



June 03, 2024 at 04:58 PM

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“ Teddy and Carol White planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Jean (Bebe) Luther.

Teddy and Carol White - June 03, 2024 at 04:58 PM

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“ *She will be greatly missed. Condolences to her family and friends.*

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**Nancy McCaskey** - May 31, 2024 at 03:31 PM

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“ *Brenda I send my condolences to you and your family. Love  
LeroyWilliams.*

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**LeroyWilliams** - May 31, 2024 at 02:00 PM