



## Betty McDermitt Richardson

November 8, 1940 - November 4, 2023

Betty McDermitt Richardson, a beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away Nov. 4, 2023, in Belleview. She was 82.

She was born Betty Jane McDermitt on Nov. 8, 1940, in Ocala to William Chester and Pauline Marie (née Rutherford) McDermitt. She was the oldest of three children and a graduate of Lake Weir High School and Jones College.

She married Raymond William Richardson on Nov. 16, 1958, and the couple had two sons, Ray Jr. and Jim. They were married for 61 years.

Betty was actively involved in her community. She spent 34 years with the city of Leesburg, retiring from her position as city clerk in 2014. She also was a member of Altrusa International, a former president of the Florida Association of City Clerks and an ambassador for the Leesburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

She fiercely loved the Florida Gators, a passion she and Ray instilled in their children and grandchildren. They were football season ticket holders for more than 30 years and supported the Gators in all kinds of weather.

Affectionately known as “Dobby” to her six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, Betty was a doting grandmother. She was a constant presence

in their lives and strived to be at any and everything they were involved in.

Ray and Betty were longtime members of First Baptist Church of Leesburg, and their faith was an essential part of their lives. Their family takes comfort in the knowledge that they are together again and with Jesus.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Bill McDermitt; and her husband.

She is survived by her sons, Ray (Dee Dee) Richardson Jr., of Westbrook, Maine; and Jim (Jane) Richardson, of Fruitland Park, Florida; her grandchildren Tripp Richardson, Conner (Bailey) Richardson, Lela (Brandon) Griffith and Elizabeth (Justin) Neptune, of Maine; and Lindsay (Kyle) Sellars and Lauren Richardson, of Florida; her great-grandchildren Claire, Maggie and Gage Sellars, Carter, Lincoln and Watson Richardson and Charlie Griffith; her sister, Sue Wright, of Summerfield, Florida; and her nephew, Rich (Paul Loven) Price, of Westbrook, Maine.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, at First Baptist Church of Leesburg. A graveside service will follow. A viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV **12.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory  
1123 W Main St  
Leesburg, FL 34748  
(352) 787-4343

## Funeral Service

NOV **13.** 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Leesburg  
220 N. 13th Street  
Leesburg, FL 34748

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty McDermitt Richardson*



**Beyers Funeral Home** - November 09, 2023 at 01:36 PM

DH

*I had the honor and the pleasure of working with Betty for about 14 years. Incredible lady. Certainly kept me on my toes. You are missed.*

**Dann Herrin** - February 28, 2024 at 03:17 PM

MM

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Betty's passing. She was a beautiful lady and the consummate professional City Clerk. She provided me with excellent advice and support when I was a young City Clerk for the City of Tavares and just learning my craft. She would sometimes call just to see if I was doing OK. I know how much she loved her family as she spoke of them often. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

**Mary Montez** - November 14, 2023 at 09:06 AM

JM

“ *John and Sherry McLeod planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty McDermitt Richardson.*

**John and Sherry McLeod** - November 12, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ *Cheer Snack Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Betty McDermitt Richardson.*



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November 12, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ *To The Family, Sandy and I were sad to hear of Betty's passing. Betty and I worked together for 10 years and were friends for many more. A wonderful woman who loved her family, friends and community.*

*Sandy and Jim Williams and Family*

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**Jim Williams** - November 10, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Betty McDermitt Richardson.*



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November 09, 2023 at 09:54 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Betty McDermitt Richardson.*



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November 08, 2023 at 10:07 AM

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“ *My sincere condolences to the entire family. Losing your Mom is not an easy thing to do...blessings to you, Ray and family!* ”

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**Lori Feustel- Rheaume** - November 08, 2023 at 09:25 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Betty McDermitt Richardson.* ”



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November 08, 2023 at 08:20 AM

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“ *Rich Price and Paul Loven planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty McDermitt Richardson.* ”

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**Rich Price and Paul Loven** - November 07, 2023 at 03:52 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betty McDermitt Richardson.* ”



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November 07, 2023 at 03:52 PM

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“ *Oh Ray I am so sorry to see this. Praying for peace and comfort. Such a beautiful lady.* ”

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**Tina Goddard** - November 07, 2023 at 01:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Betty McDermitt Richardson.



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November 07, 2023 at 01:28 PM