



## Betty Jo Grice

April 29, 1938 - March 31, 2020

Betty Jo Grice, 81, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, due to a sudden heart attack.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Richard; parents, Noah and Zera Kellis; brother, James William Kellis (Little Bill) and her grandson, Jackson DeMarcus Grice.

She is survived by her children Kathy Bullock (Alan), Judy Doby (Mickey), Debbie Godwin, Ricky Grice (Jodi); grandchildren Joseph Godwin Jr. (Kelly), Amber Bullock, Jeremy Godwin, Michael Doby (Nicole), Tyler Bullock, Lauren Caton (Chris), Seth Grice, Zach Grice, Scout Grice; great grandson Joseph "LJ" Godwin; brother Jerry Kellis (Lynda); aunt Beth Casey (Frank), nieces, nephews, and many dear friends that she thought of as family.

Betty Jo was born April 29, 1938, in Kannapolis, NC, to the late Noah and Zera Kellis. She graduated from East Mecklenburg High School in 1956 and married her high school sweetheart, Richard.

After she retired from Lubromation in 2000, Betty Jo and Richard moved from Charlotte, NC, to Garden City, SC, to fulfill their dream of living at the beach.

Betty Jo was a loving and devoted wife, mom, and maw-maw. She enjoyed spending time with her family and doing things for others. She loved all sports, especially Duke basketball, but nothing compared to the joy she felt while watching her kids and grandkids play sports. Betty Jo volunteered with Helping Hands, served on the hospitality committee, greeter committee, and on the board of Joy Fellowship at Garden City Baptist Church where she was a faithful member.

Betty Jo loved to visit others, never met a stranger, and always saw the best in everyone. She was a caring and loving person who was known as "Mom" to many; truly one of a kind.

She enjoyed being outside, tending to her plants, and going on golf cart rides. She also enjoyed music, especially Elvis, and watching Hallmark movies and The Golden Girls. Betty Jo loved traveling, but going on cruises with Richard was her favorite. She was famous for her homemade spaghetti sauce, vegetable soup, and fruit “yum-yum’s.”

Betty Jo was thankful for her salvation, late husband of 62 years, children, grandchildren, great grandson, church, wonderful friends, and family.

A graveside service will be held in Charlotte, NC at Charlotte Memorial Gardens, 11:00 a.m. Thursday April 9, 2020, for immediate family only, due to the statewide restrictions.

The family will have a memorial service at Garden City Baptist Church, 501 Pine Avenue, Garden City Beach, SC 29576, when the Stay at Home order has been lifted. Updates will be provided online at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com) as they become available.

Memorials in Betty Jo’s honor may be made to Garden City Baptist Church, 501 Pine Avenue, Garden City Beach, SC 29576.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Jo Grice*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - February 17, 2021 at 03:31 PM

ES

“ *So sorry to hear about "Miss Betty Jo" as Will and Cynthia called her at daycare here in Charlotte. They will both be upset to hear of her passing. Ben and I also send our sympathy to all of the family. So sorry we have lost touch with all of you since "Mama Kellis" passed.*

Ella Sue Stokes - April 09, 2020 at 11:46 AM

SG

“ *My baseball mom who looked after us little guys, koolaid snacks and bandaids , Im sorry to have lost touch over these past years , Betty Jo will be missed as her Husband Richard is also. They were like family way back when . Love you and Gods Blessings on you and the family , Stan*

Stan Gordon - April 09, 2020 at 11:08 AM

JE

“ *Milton and I were so sorry to hear about the loss of our dear Betty Jo. Richard was our deacon when we first joined Garden City Baptist Church and we came to love this wonderful couple so much. I will so miss talking baseball with Betty Jo. We take comfort knowing that she has been reunited with the love of her life, Richard, and they are both worshipping together at the throne of their precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

Joyce Eblen - April 09, 2020 at 12:05 AM

SM

“ So sorry to hear about Betty Jo. She will be missed.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Sincerely,*

*Susan*

*Moore & Associates Ins*

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**Susan McWilliams** - April 08, 2020 at 04:27 PM

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“ I WAS SO SADDENED TO HEAR ABOUT BETTY JO, SHE WAS A CLOSE AND DEAR FRIEND. I LOOKED SO FORWARD TO SEEING HER AND RICHARD AT OUR ANNUAL PICNIC. THEY HAD BEEN MY FRIENDS FOR 64 YEARS. WHEN RICHARD PASSED, SHE SHOWED GREAT STRENGTH AND GRACE DURING THIS TIME. I CAN ONLY IMAGINE HEAVEN TODAY AS RICHARD IS REUNITED WITH HIS PRECIOUS BETTY. I WANT THE FAMILY TO KNOW THEY WERE MUCH LOVED AND EVERY YEAR AT THE REUNION SHE TOOK A PICTURE OF ME AND RICHARD. HOW DEAR THOSE PICTURES ARE TO ME TODAY. SENDING MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY, HOW YOUR MOM AND DAD LOVED ALL OF YOU, I THINK THEY LOVED EVERYONE.

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**CELIA HOOKS** - April 08, 2020 at 02:56 PM

CH

“ THE 1956 EAST MECKLENBURG CLASS SEND THEIR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF BETTY JO.

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**CELIA HOOKS** - April 08, 2020 at 02:46 PM

YM

“ Yvonne Marcum lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Grice



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**Yvonne Marcum** - April 07, 2020 at 04:53 PM

YM

“ Anyone who knew Betty Jo felt her love for God, her family and even all the ones she adopted into her life. Richard and Betty Jo were a special couple and their love showed through everything they did. I grew closer to her after Richard went to be with the Lord and then she surprised me and showed up for exercise one Monday morning. She loved coming and getting to know the girls and didn't want to miss class. She did her own pace but we didn't care as long as she was there giving it her best and she did. We took food over to a family a couple days before she passed. I made macaroni salad and she ask me how much I was going to make, because she hadn't had any In a long time. So I told her I would make extra and give her a bowl. When we met at the church with the food and I gave her the bowl of macaroni salad. The next morning she told me that I needed to make her some more cause she needed a better taste to make sure if it was good or not. And I would have, if she would have stayed a little longer, but Richard met her the next day and took her to their new home. We sure do miss her. Prayers for you all and your mom and dad were so loved by each one of us so very much. God Bless!

*Cliff & Yvonne Marcum (Rooster 1)*

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**Yvonne Marcum** - April 07, 2020 at 04:52 PM

AR

“ We are so sorry for your great loss!

*We went to church with your dear Parents and Grandparents for the last many years at GCBC! We loved them both, dearly! We are heartbroken, yet so happy for them that they are together again. Betty Jo, made such an impact on the lives of my Mother and I with her consistent love and kindness. She made us feel like family and always had a hug and kiss for us everytime we saw her. Richard, called my Mother and I, "his girls". He helped in re-roofing our home, along with other church men and built us a wheelchair ramp along with Danny Miller and Gene King. Betty Jo and Richard were such dear friends that we will always cherish and miss terribly! We are blessed to have been apart of their lives and appreciate your family sharing them with us and our entire Church family.*

*May God bless you all!*

*Angela and Carolyn Roddey*

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**Angela Roddey** - April 07, 2020 at 12:29 AM

LO

“ Maw Maw will always hold a special place in my heart! Continued prayers during this difficult time.

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**Lauren Odiorne** - April 06, 2020 at 10:19 AM

PR

“ I only knew Betty Jo a short while. I met her at an exercise class held at Garden City Baptist Church for fellow members and guest. Almost immediately, I felt close to her. She was loving, warm and friendly and we found out we lived close to each other. It didn't take me long to call her "Mama" like everyone else and to actually feel like I had a 2nd Mama to care about me. Her smiling face, warm words, and awesome sense of humor will be missed by everyone who knew her. Love and prayers for all who knew and loved her, especially the family, who she was so proud of and loved more than any of you could know. God's comfort and grace for you to get through this.

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**Pat Deas Ribelin** - April 05, 2020 at 01:14 PM

BJ

“ So sorry for your loss. Loved her.  
Friend from Garden City Baptist



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**Betty F Jordan** - April 05, 2020 at 08:33 AM