



## Betty Mae Boatright

March 6, 2024

BOATRRIGHT, Betty Mae, 95, of Springfield, Missouri, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on March 6, 2024. She was born in Bonne Terre, Missouri, to Lawrence and Lucy (Drake) Herzog. She spent her early life growing up in rural Missouri near Ste. Genevieve and Farmington.

When Betty was 13 years old, her mother died. Betty always said, "It was not easy without her mother, but with Dad and all of us working together, we made it." During these difficult times, Betty stayed home to care for her two younger sisters, Patsy and Mary Ann, while their eldest sister, Margaret, worked outside the home to help the family. Their shared experiences created a loving, lifelong, unbreakable bond between sisters.

In 1947, at the age of 19, Betty married the love of her life, William Ray Boatright. To this union, three children were born: Ron, Ken, and Debbie. The family lived in St. Francois County in a small country home until 1965 when they moved to Salem, Missouri. It was in Salem where Betty and Bill lived most of their adult lives and finished raising their children. In their later retirement years, they lived near their daughter and family in Springfield, Missouri. Not long after the death of her husband, Bill, Betty moved to The Gardens Assisted Living in Springfield, where she developed many friendships and brought joy to those around her with her sweet disposition and wonderful sense of humor.

Betty was a devoted Christian mother, served faithfully in many ministries within the church, and lived a life of commitment to Jesus Christ. She enjoyed providing a loving home for her children and husband. She dearly loved her immediate and extended family. Betty and her husband, Bill, liked to travel. In retirement, they traveled the United States by motor home.

Betty is preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, William Boatright; her parents, Lawrence and Lucy (Drake) Herzog; brothers, Cy Herzog, Raymond Herzog, Henry Herzog, Harold Herzog and James Herzog; sisters, Vadys (Herzog) Bloom, Margaret (Herzog) Govro, and Patsy (Herzog) Amsden. She is survived by her three children, Ronald Boatright (Marian), Kenneth Boatright (Ada), and Debra Boatright Dent (Ron); 5 grandchildren, Christopher Boatright, James Boatright, Ryan Boatright, Dustin Dent and Micah Dent; 3 great-grandchildren, Nikola Boatright, Malo Boatright and Zia Boatright; her youngest sister, Mary Ann (Herzog) Seguin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Betty's life will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church, 6460 State Highway 32, Farmington, Missouri 63640. Visitation for family and friends will begin at noon with funeral services following at 1:30 PM. Burial will be at Chestnut Ridge Cemetery immediately following the funeral service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be mailed to the Chestnut Ridge Cemetery Fund at the church's address listed above.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Chestnut Baptist Church  
6460 State Highway 32  
Farmington, MO 63640

## Funeral Service

MAR 9. 1:30 PM (CT)

Chestnut Baptist Church  
6460 State Highway 32  
Farmington, MO 63640

# Tribute Wall

BW

“ *Bill and Betty were the best, good friends too. So active at our Church, we loved them both. Till we meet again.* ”

Bob and Ann Wofford - March 11, 2024 at 07:56 PM

JB

“ *James and Caitlin Boatright purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Betty Mae Boatright.* ”



James and Caitlin Boatright - March 08, 2024 at 04:29 PM

ON

“ *Olga and Nikola purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Betty Mae Boatright.* ”



Olga and Nikola - March 08, 2024 at 03:36 PM

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“ *Olga and Nikola planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Mae Boatright.* ”

Olga and Nikola - March 08, 2024 at 03:36 PM

YF

“ *Your Sis Tootie and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Betty Mae Boatright.*



**Your Sis Tootie and Family** - March 08, 2024 at 01:29 PM

AB

“ *Betty was a wonderful mother-in-law for the 45 yrs I have been married to Ken! She was always sweet, kind and a devoted Christian lady!*

**Ada Boatright** - March 07, 2024 at 09:51 PM

DD

“ *Dennis and Ann Decker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Betty Mae Boatright.*



**Dennis and Ann Decker** - March 07, 2024 at 07:00 PM

WH

“ *Wes and Lisa (Durbin) Hester purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Betty Mae Boatright.*



**Wes and Lisa (Durbin) Hester** - March 07, 2024 at 06:28 PM