



Betty Ruth (Smith) Fluhr - Madden

January 21, 1938 - March 18, 2023

Betty Ruth (Fluhr) Madden, 85, passed away peacefully on March 18, 2023 in Lakeland, Florida surrounded by family. Betty was born to Carter and Zelda Smith on January 21, 1938, in Ardmore, Tennessee. The Smith family moved to Louisville, Kentucky where Betty lived a majority of her life. Betty graduated from Valley High School where she met her high school sweetheart, Randy Fluhr, and were married for 47 years until Randy's death in 2004. Randy and Betty had 3 sons who married and gave them three daughters-in-law and ten grandchildren to love.

Betty was uniquely gifted to serve and spent her life giving in many capacities to many people. Betty proudly served as the matriarch of the family. Sunday dinners after church, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners were her specialty. As her grandchildren came along, Betty was a loving and doting grandmother to each of her grandchildren. Her grandchildren would lovingly refer to her as 'Memaw', and she wore this name proudly. She delighted in seeing her family grow. Christmas was her favorite time of year, when she could relish having all her family gathered together. Celebrations were a way of life for Betty. She actively pursued opportunities to throw bridal or baby showers, birthday parties or coordinate weddings. Betty was actively engaged for many years at Valley View Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School classes, counseled young people, and participated in many ministries. Known as a prayer warrior, Betty fervently prayed in her prayer closet for family, friends, pastors, ministries and even perfect strangers while volunteering on the

prayer phone line at Evangel World Prayer Center.

Following Randy's passing, Betty married Robert (Bob) Madden from Lakeland, Florida. They were married for 16 years and spent their time between Louisville and Lakeland. Bob and Betty enjoyed traveling and serving others through the Salvation Army, their church and often people they just met. They especially treasured spending time with each of their combined 7 children celebrating birthdays, graduations, weddings and the births of their increasing number of great grandchildren. Once again, Betty would see her family grow, and she enjoyed her time with all of them. While in Lakeland, Betty attended Believers' Fellowship.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband Randy Fluhr and parents, Carter and Zelda Smith, sister Corine Cain, and brother George Smith. She is survived by her loving husband Bob Madden, sister Jo Ann Henegar, her children, Wally (Jeri Lyn), Jeff (Melissa), Jody (Deanna), her stepchildren Chris (Lillian), Greg (Lory), Steve (Stephanie) and Elizabeth (David) Pehrson, and her combined 33 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. with funeral services at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, April 1, 2023 at the Owen Funeral Home 5317 Dixie Hwy.

Burial will follow at the Louisville Memorial Gardens West.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Salvation Army, 2620 Kathleen Road, Lakeland, Florida 33810.

Cemetery Details

Louisville Memorial Gardens West

4400 Dixie Hwy
Louisville , KY 40216

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Service

APR 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Owen Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Ruth (Smith) Fluhr - Madden



Owen Funeral Homes - March 31, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Ruth (Smith) Fluhr - Madden.



March 30, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Ruth (Smith) Fluhr - Madden.



March 29, 2023 at 05:47 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Betty Ruth (Smith) Fluhr - Madden.*



March 29, 2023 at 08:46 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Betty Ruth (Smith) Fluhr - Madden.*



March 28, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Ruth (Smith) Fluhr - Madden.*



March 24, 2023 at 01:46 AM



“ *My condolences to the family and friends of Betty Ruth. I did not know her but am a friend of Wally and his family.*

Donald Hensley - March 23, 2023 at 07:19 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Betty Ruth (Smith) Fluhr - Madden.*



March 22, 2023 at 10:42 PM



“ *Dear Maddens and Fluhrs, what treasured friends, Randy, Betty, Bob, and all of you have been to me for 33 years. Too many memories to add here for sure, but I love each of you, and I'm praying God's grace will overwhelm you, and comfort you. I will miss Betty more than words can say until I see her in heaven. I know she is having a glorious time there! She had a beautiful life and she "finished well". Lynn Mitchell*

Lynn Mitchell - March 22, 2023 at 11:55 AM



She is with our Lord in heaven and will touch the hand of God. I have nothing but love and respect for all the Fluhr family. Love you and pray for you ❤️ 🙏

Patricia Pride - March 23, 2023 at 10:14 AM



Wally I am so very sorry about your precious and beautiful mother. Praying for you and your family.

Brenda Kelley - March 23, 2023 at 10:16 AM