



Betty Jo Smiley

January 10, 1952 - August 4, 2025

Betty Jo Smiley, 73, passed away Monday, August 4, 2025.

Betty was born to the late Josephine (Wilkins), and James Garris in Greenville, KY. She was a member of Rutledge Road Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Sanford "Sandy" Smiley, Jr., and her in-laws, Helen, and Sanford Louis Smiley.

Betty is survived by her son, Sanford "Lou" Smiley III (Dee); brothers, Jimmy Garris, Courtland Garris (Marcia), and Ray Garris (Mary); sister, Judy Jagers (Joe); her life-long friend, Choyia Sharp, and many cherished cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Her funeral service will be at 12:00 p.m. Friday, August 8, 2025, at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway, with burial at Louisville Memorial Gardens West.

Visitation will be from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Thursday at Owen Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Louisville Memorial Gardens West

4400 Dixie Hwy
Louisville , KY 40216

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

AUG 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Betty Jo was my sister in law
I loved Betty and am so terribly upset that I didn't know she was so sick! We had so much fun being together as sisters! One of my best times was visiting her mom and dad's in the country! A rooster was chasing Louie when she got one of those big round metal ashtrays and flung it at that Rooster! She said well, guess that rooster won't be bothering him anymore! She got that rooster right in his neck! We would play penny poker, or Tripoli until our fingers turned green! We played sometimes until the next morning! I loved Betty so!
Louie, if there is anything you need sweetheart, please let me know!
Love you, Aunt Kathy*

Kathy Smiley Blanton - August 15, 2025 at 06:51 PM

DH

“ *Prayers sent to a great neighbor.*

dave Huber - August 08, 2025 at 02:14 PM

CW

“ *Celina, Mark And Charlotte Whobrey lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Smiley*



Celina, Mark and Charlotte Whobrey - August 07, 2025 at 08:45 AM

FA

“ From Frank and Akadia purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Betty Jo Smiley.



From Frank and Akadia - August 06, 2025 at 09:32 PM

SF

“ Sally Wilkins and family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Betty Jo Smiley.



Sally Wilkins and family - August 06, 2025 at 08:19 AM

BD

“ 4 files added to the album Betty



Bethany Duerst - August 05, 2025 at 08:00 PM