



Betty Sue Hilley

May 13, 1938 - May 9, 2025

Wellford, SC – Betty Sue Hilley, 86, passed away peacefully on May 9, 2025.

Betty was the daughter of the late Roy and Ruby Cox Hilley.

Betty was born in Honea Path, SC, raised in Anderson, SC, and later moved to Spartanburg, SC where she lived for many years. She was a hard worker and often worked multiple jobs; however, she built her career in bookkeeping before retiring. She was a pillar of strength and determination, facing many challenges but always overcoming them.

Betty enjoyed gardening, and sewing; often making dresses and clothing for little children. She was an avid reader and traveler. She has been to many places over the years, including Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, Ireland, and everywhere in-between. During her travels, she went on many adventures like white water rafting, a covered bridge excursion, and tracing her ancestry. Betty was vibrant and enjoyed living life to the fullest.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen Melton; and her grandsons, Joshua “Josh” Neill Melton and James “Ryan” Melton.

She is preceded in death by her sons, Thomas L. Gilbert and Timothy R. Gilbert.

A service will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 to honor the life and birthday of Betty Hilley at 2:00 PM at Living Waters Funeral Home and Crematory; 529 Spartanburg Hwy S. Lyman, SC 29365. Fellowship with friends, food, and birthday cake will begin at 2:45 PM.

The family requests that guests wear Betty's favorite color, Blue or florals to honor her love of gardening.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Animal Haven of Asheville; <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/150794a8-e681-49a3-969d-e7c2676f5eb4>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Living Waters Funeral Home and Crematory
529 Spartanburg Hwy. S.
P.O. Box 758
Lyman, SC 29365
(864) 439-7141
info@livingwatersfh.com

Receiving Friends

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Food, fellowship, and birthday cake to follow the service.

Tribute Wall

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“ Betty used to stop by our office and bring us goodies like doughnuts, cookies, and cake. She would tell us stories about her fur babies and family. We have missed her so very much. We have tried to find out about her for a long time. I am sorry for the loss of a very nice lady. My condolences go out to the family. May God's peace find you and bring you comfort.

*Teresa Foster
M&R Granite*

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“ Cath Kong purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Betty Sue Hilley.



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“ Cath Kong planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Sue Hilley.

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