



# Betty Burch Wetzel

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**B**etty Burch Wetzel peacefully went to Heaven on May 6, 2023 after a long battle with cancer. She was born in Quicksburg, VA and lived 61 years in Clearwater, FL. She is survived by her loving husband (married 64 years), Wayne Wetzel, daughter, Vicki Garcia, son, Michael Wetzel, Grandsons Caleb Lamperski & Collin Wetzel, and brothers, Don Burch & Ken Burch. Her children, Gary Wetzel, and Kathy Wetzel were there to meet her at the pearly gates.

She lived life with her priorities always God and Family. She was quick to see and meet the needs of others. She is happy and well rewarded for a life well lived. A better Wife and Mom could not be found!

At Betty's request, there will be no funeral service & in lieu of flowers, she wanted donations to go to Christ Church, 1111 Indiana Ave., Palm Harbor, FL. 34683.

Betty Wetzel peacefully went to Heaven on May 6, 2023. She was born in Quicksburg, VA to Harold Burch and Virginia Neff Burch. She is survived by her two brothers Don Burch and Ken Burch. She graduated from Triplett High School and attended James Madison University. She met her future husband, Wayne Wetzel at the Shenandoah County Fair. They were happily married for 64 years. They lived in Clearwater, FL 61 years. God blessed them with four children. Gary, Vicki, Kathy, and Michael. Because of a rare liver defect, Gary lived to be 2 and Kathy lived to be 10. Betty was an excellent caregiver. She took loving care of them night and day. They had constant pain and itch, but constant happiness. While beautifully taking care of her children, she would still meet the needs of others outside our home. She never saw a need she did not try to meet. Betty was an adored Grandma to her two Grandsons, Caleb Lamperski and Collin Wetzel.



## Obituary

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She was a caring Mother-in-law to Michael Garcia and Erin Wetzel. If you would look at the “ideal” Moms on TV, none would come close to being as good as ours. Mom ALWAYS dressed beautifully. She was the definition of femininity and being a lady. She decorated with so many personal touches. She truly “made a house a home”. Every small holiday was celebrated with special decor and food in our home (even President’s Day). Betty was a fabulous cook!!! You would wake up to a hot breakfast, eat a good lunch, and come home to a delicious supper. She was such a gifted hostess, people would just love to come and stay. She kept the home neat and clean, but was happy to see kids have fun and mess it all up. Our house was the hangout place for all our friends. A constant comment we would get was how peaceful our home felt. Betty was involved in every aspect of her families life. She knew all our friends, our hopes, dreams, hurts, and joys. She took us to music lessons, horseback riding, youth group, and endless activities. Even when a child was in the hospital (she would not leave their side), she planned and found creative ways to make sure her other two kids lives did not miss a beat. She had the strongest “Mom intuition” you have ever seen. She would just know “things” either because of her close walk with God or her special “Mom” gift. Her marriage was strong and unshakable. The love was pure, powerful, and true. They would often be playful and flirty with each other. Wayne was always very proud of her. Betty was a “people person” and a “people magnet”. Everyone loved her. We never met a person who was not extremely fond of her. Many considered Mom their “best friend”. It is hard to find a more caring person than Betty. Her love ran deep and people felt it. The most special part of Betty was her faith and close walk with God. Not many people have heard the audible voice of God (He simply said, “I really care” before her daughter passed away), seen him, touched his warm slightly rough hands, and seen so many different angels. She had godly dreams and visions about future events. Her prayers would move Heaven. She recently with the sweetest smile said, “I saw Jesus, and He is pleased with me”. Two weeks before her passing, she saw a large blonde angel who said, “your journey is about over and soon we will travel together”. She thought it would be that day, but it was two weeks later. Her love for God was contagious. Her kids learned to know God from the crib. She was a mother who greatly interceded for her children in prayer. Her first prayer she remembers praying, was for a girl who was about to be taken away from her parents and put in an orphanage. She remembers as a child, running to a tree and crying before God for her friend to not have to leave her parents. That prayer was answered. She was healed of constant migraines she had as a child, when she touched the TV and prayed with Oral Roberts. She loved to read the Bible and was the best Sunday School Teacher. She suffered far more than most humans have ever suffered. She fought cancer and congestive heart failure for over 20 years. Mom is a fighter who never gave up on hope. She trusted God to the end. You would often hear the words when she would struggle, “Jesus help me”. And He would. Betty lived by the command, “Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love your



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neighbor as yourself". She passed away very peacefully and was able to be with all of her family. She is reunited with her son, Gary, daughter, Kathy, parents, special Pastors & friends like Vep Ellis and Brian Barnett. Betty will eternally "love you"!!! She wants each of you to visit her in her gorgeous Heavenly Mansion where she will continue to be the Hostess with the Mostest. She is free of pain, running down golden streets, dancing, listening to beautiful harp music, and even going on horse rides. We are honoring her wishes of no funeral service. She would like in lieu of flowers for a donation to go the Christ Church at 1111 Indiana Avenue, Palm Harbor, FL. 34683.

Livestream: <http://webcast.funeralvue.com/>

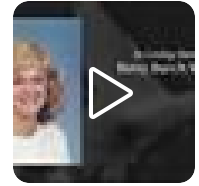


## Tribute Wall

**Betty Burch Wetzel**



**Moss Feaster Funeral Home & Cremation Services** shared a **Video**.



May 10 at 2:13 PM



**Vicki** May 13 at 3:15 AM

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**Bea Burch Geres** posted:

Aunt Betty was the kindest, most generous, sweetest, most glamorous and loving aunt. She always had such a positive outlook on life and was an inspiration. Spending Christmases with Aunt Betty, Uncle Wayne, Vicki, Kathy, and Michael were the best times. Aunt Betty always spoiled me and my 4 siblings (Theresa, Don, Cecilia, and Harold). She made the best meals and desserts. She never missed sending birthday wishes to me and my children (Brielle and Michael). She had the biggest heart and I was so blessed to have had her in my life. She will be missed but it's gives me solace that she is now surrounded by her precious children Gary and Kathy.

May 13 at 6:23 AM



**Vicki** May 14 at 12:52 AM

Bea, Christmases were most fun when you stayed with us. Mom loved us all being together. She made cookies and froze them for weeks before you would arrive just getting ready. It is exciting that Gary and Kathy get to celebrate Mother's Day with her this year.



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May 12 at 3:53 PM



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**Laurie Vodnoy-Wright** posted:

Oh dearest Betty, I have been your secret admirer for many many years. You have been an amazing spirit in my life from afar. I learned all about your wonderful faith and spirit that fills the universe. I am so grateful for having you in my life through your beautiful daughter. I have tears of love, admiration, gratitude, and immense love. Thank you for all you shared with everyone. I love you.

May 12 at 4:37 AM



**Meghan George** posted:

I will miss her and she was a special great aunt to me. Love you uncle Wayne and cousin Vicki  
Meghan George great niece

May 11 at 11:16 AM



**Vicki** May 14 at 12:49 AM

Meghan, thanks for your special tribute. I KNOW God has a special watch over your life. You are precious and you make your Grandma and Dad around. May God bless you greatly!!!!



## Tribute Wall

**Betty Burch Wetzel**



**Faith** posted:

I met Betty last year. She was a woman like no other than I've encountered in my life. I had the privilege of knowing her while I cared for her. I had the privilege to hear her testimony of her walk with Jesus. The pain, suffering, and loss she experienced brought her to heights of encounter with Jesus and with the supernatural that makes one long to know what she experienced and would like to have been there to get a sneak peak of the divine. Her love for the LORD was infectious. For me it made me wonder if I could experience that too to the degree she did. Her testimony has forever changed my life. When an opportunity arises, I share her testimony so others can be encouraged as she so encouraged me. She has encouraged me to walk deeper with our Lord, desire to know the more of Him, and seek to experience Him more intimately as she did. He did so with her and I know He can reveal Himself to me as well. She taught me valuable life lessons. Her love, trust and faith in Jesus is the legacy she impacted in my life. I pray to imitate her walk and encourage others to do likewise for it is the secret to a blessed life. Jesus is the answer. My deepest condolences to the Wetzel family and friends in this time of loss. She will be greatly missed but forever remembered. God bless you. Praying for you.

May 11 at 3:49 AM



**Vicki Garcia** May 11 at 5:20 PM

Faith, I thank God for miraculously speaking to me at the Dollar Tree and saying to ask you if you do care giving? You said you did and then you prayed for Mom right there. You always knew how to lift Mom's spirit. Words cannot say what a blessing you were and how much you made her life better. It means so much to us all what you wrote.



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**Don And Esther Burch** posted:

Dear Wayne, Vicki & Caleb and Michael & Collin, We want to express our deepest sympathy on the passing of our dear sister Betty. We know she is now surrounded by the Lord and a host of angels. We will always cherish that beautiful smile and generosity she always had for everyone. Remembering all the wonderful times we enjoyed throughout the years will keep her close to our hearts. May she rest in peace. Much love, Esther and Don Burch

May 10 at 5:14 PM



**Vicki Garcia** May 18 at 4:48 PM

You will always be like family to us!! Kamo is such an inspiration to us as well. We love you!!!



**Karina** May 11 at 8:49 PM

In memory of our dear MeMe (Betty Burch Wetzel). Our little brother Kamo met dearest Meme almost 25 years ago and immediately loved her. Shortly after our family met Meme and her precious family, and we also loved her so much!!! She was big part of our lives. She and her family were always there for us. We had never met more kind and more special person, like Meme. We called her our Angel 🧚 She was just walking faith and truth. We will never forget her kindness and care for us and for many more others. Meme loved and cared for Kamo and for us, like one of her own, and we will never forget that. Meme and our brother Kamo had such a special bond, and both very faithful and loved our Lord Jesus so much! Meme and her family were very dear to us. We've had lot's of great and fun times with Meme. Her kindness and generosity will be always remembered. We were very honored to have Meme in our lives, and we will miss her greatly. Dear Poppy, Vicki, Kelob and Michael, we are very sorry about your great loss. Please know, that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Love, Kamo, Naira, Karina.



**Vicki Garcia** May 11 at 5:20 PM

Uncle Don and Aunt Esher, Thank you so much for writing about Mom's generosity.....so true!! Talk about generosity your last care package had a plethora of gifts for Mom including homemade cookies. Yum! You are the most loving Aunt. Te Amo Mucho!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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SP

**Shirley Pace** posted:

Betty was the definition of a Christian Lady. She always smiled at seeing you and had words of encouragement - she wanted to know how you were and would always pray with you even when she herself was in need of prayer. My mom & dad and Betty & Wayne had an unusual bond-both couples loved Jesus with all their heart-but also had the heart break of loosing a child. Even when moms health prevented her from visiting FL she still called her special friend almost weekly. She cherished those calls and would smile for hours after - both prayer warriors - both frail in body but strong in the Lord till their last breath. I can just see them now rejoicing together waiting for us to meet them. What a legacy she leaves. She will be greatly missed.

May 10 at 4:05 AM

VG

**Vicki Garcia** May 10 at 9:02 AM

Thanks Shirley!! What you wrote meant so much. Yes, both our Moms were definitions of Christian ladies. They were Proverbs 31 Moms. They had so much fun being together and now that continues.

VG

**Vicki Garcia** posted:

Mom put her whole heart into everything. We had so many fun times just the two of us like picnics and tea parties in the backyard, shopping and having lunch, visiting shut ins, playing with simple things like buttons, and just sharing deep parts of our lives with each other. She taught me to love and know God, to pray, to have compassion, to cook, to write my ABC's, and helped me get over my extreme shyness. The rare times in life I would oversleep, Mom would call because she "knew". I ran into a lady who remembered me from the nursery at Church only because she was touched by the tender way Mom treated me. I got constant care packages in college. She would visit me in college every month I was there which was a long drive or flight. She provided many opportunities for me and would always attend games, recitals, parades, etc. She was the definition of the word "cute". She had a gift of finding the needs of others and the heart to care. Mom had enormous love for her whole family and all of her MANY friends.

May 10 at 12:25 AM



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**Joy** posted:

Revelation 21:4 Betty is finally home with no more pain or tears . Betty loved Christ Church and always thought of others even until the very end praying and asking about what Jesus had done for them . We send prayers of peace and comfort during this time for the family as she was much loved and will be greatly missed. Pastor Joe , Joy Peterson and Matthew

May 9 at 6:54 PM



**Vicki Garcia** May 10 at 5:19 PM

Thanks Joy and Pastor. Mom loved and appreciated all you did for her. I think the vast amount of prayers Mom received extended her life.



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