



Mrs. Betty Shaw Merck

October 19, 1933 - June 3, 2023

Betty Shaw Merck, 89, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on June 3, 2023.

Betty was the twin daughter of the late Louise Gardner and Bennie V. Shaw of Hartsville, SC. She was a graduate of Hartsville High School and Coker College. She was employed at the Bank of Hartsville until she met the love of her life, the late Lt. Colonel Robert Warren Merck, veteran fighter pilot of the Vietnam and Korean Wars, the Berlin Crisis and years in Pakistan. They made their home in Bishopville, SC after marrying on December 26, 1954, until his death 44 years later. They were blessed with two children. Robert, "Bob" was the rock and Betty was the glue who held the family together. Betty always said her family came first in her life.

While in Bishopville, Betty was an active member of First Baptist Church where she sang in the choir for 52 years. She was a member and past President of the Garden Study Club, the Bishopville Jaycettes, the Lee County Music Club and the Lee County Opera House. She was an Accredited Beauty and Talent Pageant Judge for over 30 years. She coached young ladies and directed pageants and festivals across the Southeast.

Betty moved to Columbia 8 years after Bob's untimely death. There she joined Shandon Baptist Church and participated in the Seniors Choir and Sunday

School. She was a member of the Symphony League and the Retired Officers Wives Club at Fort Jackson.

Betty's desire was to be remembered as a Christian first, a good wife, a good mother and grandmother, but especially a lady. She desired that all of her family love the Lord and would be reunited one day.

Betty was an avid supporter of the Gamecock Club for over 50 years. She thoroughly enjoyed attending all Gamecock Football games even traveling to away games until her health prevented it. Tailgating with family and friends was the highlight of every fall season.

She was predeceased by her husband, her granddaughter Chandler Elizabeth Merck, and three brothers Ben, Alex "Buz", and Billy Shaw.

She is survived, and will be greatly missed by her son, Warren Shaw (Kristie) of Florence; a daughter Wendi Lou Wolfe (Dana) of Columbia; four grandsons, Chesley Warren Merck, Taylor Robert (Thea Tollison) Wolfe, Brian Shaw Wolfe, and John Ulmer Wolfe; and numerous nieces and nephews she adored.

A graveside service to honor her life will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2023 in Magnolia Cemetery, Hartsville. The Rev. Lin Kirkman will officiate and the family will receive friends beginning at 11:00 a.m. prior to the service at the graveside.

Memorials may be made in her honor to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (<https://www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org/>)

The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home are caring for the family.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Cemetery

140 South Cedar Lane
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 383-3004

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ Jeff Breeden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Shaw Merck



jeff Breeden - June 11, 2023 at 10:31 PM

JB

“ We have been friends with Warren and Kristie for many years. When our kids were young, we would all go swim at BeBe's house. Our kids have fond memories of swimming and playing out in the country. She was always so kind and would even prepare lunch for us all! Sweet and kind was she ❤️ Thinking of Warren, Wendy and families during this time 🙏

Jetta Breeden - June 11, 2023 at 10:14 PM

JP

“ Bobby and Betty lived on Lee State Park near me. I always liked Betty she was always so kind and welcoming. I would deliver Avon to her for a friend and we would just sit and talk. Her husband, Bobby, was great and awesome airplane pilot and took me up many times and did maneuvers that were done in WW2. It was wonderful and excited. They were a very handsome couple. Thoughts and prayers for their children. Judy Parnell-Dyches

Judy Parnell-Dyches - June 08, 2023 at 08:33 AM

RD

“ Rhonda Darity lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Shaw Merck



Rhonda Darity - June 07, 2023 at 11:37 PM

BH

“ Bridget Teal Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Shaw Merck



Bridget Teal Hall - June 06, 2023 at 03:42 PM

TW

“ Betty was truly a lovely, Southern beauty.

Terri Woodham - June 06, 2023 at 10:32 AM



“ Angelyn Bateman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Shaw Merck



Angelyn Bateman - June 06, 2023 at 10:19 AM

JD

“ *JENNIE DARITY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Shaw Merck*



JENNIE DARITY - June 06, 2023 at 09:12 AM

JD

So sorry to hear of Betty's death! She was such a sweet ,precious lady! I can remember when she and Bobby got married. She was such a joy to know and be around. Love and prayers for all of you during this sorrowful time .

JENNIE DARITY - June 06, 2023 at 09:15 AM

RW

“ *Ron Wall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Shaw Merck*



Ron Wall - June 06, 2023 at 07:30 AM

MF

“ *Wendi and Warren,
Your mother was truly a Queen. A lady in deed. We shared many laughs and tears together at First Baptist Church. She was always smiling and singing from her heart. Praying for the entire family.*



Michael Farver - June 05, 2023 at 11:24 PM

LM

“ So sorry to family on your loss.

Lena McCutchen - June 05, 2023 at 10:20 PM

RS

“ Wendi, Warren & Family:
I have many fond memories of both your
parents and of both of you growing up. I'm so
very sorry for your loss. Sending much love
and prayers ~
Your Kelleytown Cousin,
Rebecca Skinner & Family



Rebecca Skinner - June 05, 2023 at 08:05 PM

RH

“ Rosalie Logan Hyatt lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Betty Shaw Merck



Rosalie Logan Hyatt - June 05, 2023 at 05:58 PM

RH

Mrs. Betty was always such a beautiful lady inside and out! Sympathy
and prayers for her family and friends!

Rosalie Logan Hyatt - June 05, 2023 at 05:59 PM



“ *David Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Shaw Merck*



David Jordan - June 05, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ *Matt And Betsy Bramlett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Shaw Merck*



Matt and Betsy Bramlett - June 05, 2023 at 03:17 PM



“ *Prayers for the family*



Crystal Minnehan - June 05, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ *Susan O Thrasher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Shaw Merck*



Susan O Thrasher - June 05, 2023 at 01:07 PM

ST

Sending much love and prayers for Wendy and Warren. Betty was a beautiful lady, inside and out.

Susan O Thrasher - June 05, 2023 at 01:10 PM

AR

“ *Bishopville’s finest. A special family. Wendi & Warren you and your families are in our thoughts and prayers.*

The Allen Roberson Family

Allen Roberson - June 05, 2023 at 01:04 PM



SW

“ *Susan Welch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Shaw Merck*

Susan Welch - June 05, 2023 at 01:03 PM



SC

“ *Susie Chavis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Shaw Merck*

Susie Chavis - June 05, 2023 at 11:55 AM



PS

“ *Patricia Stogner Sumner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Shaw Merck*



Patricia Stogner Sumner - June 05, 2023 at 11:53 AM

NH

“ *Norman And Iris Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Shaw Merck*



Norman and Iris Hayes - June 05, 2023 at 11:08 AM

NL

“ *Betty was so beautiful, and always so sweet. Sending love and prayers to all of her family.*



Nancy Laney Lindsay - June 05, 2023 at 10:48 AM

CM

“ *Clara McElveen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Shaw Merck*



Clara McElveen - June 05, 2023 at 10:00 AM

CM

Wendi, Warren and family, sending my deepest sympathy and love to each of you in the death of your sweet and beautiful love one. Sh was loved by all who knew her and she was dearly missed by all when she moved to Columbia. May God give each of you comfort, strength and peace in the difficult days ahead. Gob Less each of you. Clara McElveen.

Clara McElveen - June 06, 2023 at 01:19 PM

PJ

“ *Such a beautiful lady. I grew up on the Lee State Park road knowing Betty and Bobby . RIP Betty. I'll see you again in Heaven.*



Pat Riley James - June 05, 2023 at 09:22 AM

AH

“ *Annette Logan Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Shaw Merck*



Annette Logan Hopkins - June 05, 2023 at 08:28 AM