



Betty Pilcher Spence Obituary

March 21, 1930 - March 12, 2006

Betty Pilcher Spence, 75 of Albany died Sunday, March 12, 2006 at Evergreen Assisted Living in Albany. Her funeral service will be held at 11 AM Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at Christ United Methodist Church. The Reverends Bob Moon and Kent Miller will officiate. Betty was born March 21, 1930 in Albany, and she moved with her family to Atlanta at an early age. Betty attended Girls High School of Atlanta and graduated from Brown High School, also in Atlanta. She graduated from the Emory University School of Nursing in 1948. She pursued her nursing career at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta and at St. Mary's and Athens General Hospitals both in Athens. After the family moved to Albany in 1960, she nursed at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital and was an instructor for the practical nursing class at the Albany Vocational School. Betty was deeply involved in the fight against drug abuse by young people in the Albany area, where she founded the CODAC program and she chaired the Georgia Council against Drug Abuse during the administrations of Governors Carter and Busbee. Betty also ran a small catering business, which she called her third and last career. She was a very active member of Christ United Methodist Church. Survivors include her husband, C. Norman Spence, two daughters, Leigh Ann Spence, Sandra Jean Breedlove and her husband Kenneth, two grandchildren, Brandon and Haley Breedlove, sister Phoebe Bolton of Conyers and several nieces and nephews. Betty's family will receive friends Tuesday, 5:30 to 7 PM at Kimbrell-Stern. Those desiring may make memorials to Christ United Methodist

Church, 505 Byron Plantation Road, Albany, GA 31707 or the Southwest Georgia Cancer Coalition, P.O. Box 1962, Albany, GA 31702.

Tribute Wall



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“ *You were such a wonderful friend --I will never forget the wonderful vacations and short trips we took together. In my times of loss and great sorrow you were always there to bring me through. To LeAnn, Sandra and Norman my love and prayers are with you.*
Liz

ILIZ MCMANAWAY - April 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ All of you are in my thoughts and prayers!! I'll always remember her with a smile on her face. I wish I had known sooner and I would have paid my respects in person. Know that I love and miss all of you!

Mary Katherine Stewart Powell - April 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Mr. Spence,
I was so sorry to read of the death of your wife. I know you had been married for many years. I wish the best for you and your daughters in this time of sorrow.
Judy Peacock

Judith Peacock - March 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Sandra,
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry to hear about your mother.

Your Childhood Friend,
Betts (Turner) Sorsby

Betts (Turner) Sorsby - March 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Betty. What a dear lady. Please know that our prayers are with your family.
We love you. Mandy & Bennie Waters

Mandy Waters - March 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *My dear Sandra and Family. Truly my thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. How well I remember Betty from years ago when we were in the same Bible Study. What a sweet person with such a sweet and wise spirit. I always have cherished that time with her. May you sense the peace and comfort that only the Lord can give at a time like this.*

Carleen Flowers

Carleen Flowers - March 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Old Irish Prayer
In Time of Sorrow
May you see God's light on the path ahead
When the road you walk is dark.
May you always hear,
Even in your hour of sorrow,
The gentle singing of the lark.
When times are hard may hardness
Not turn your heart to stone,
And may you always remember
You do not walk alone.
Our prayers are with you all.*

Becky Moore McFarling - March 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *May God grant you all a peace that surpasses all understanding in this time of grief. God Bless you all!*

Lloyd Graham - March 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Spence Family,

I had the privilege of visiting Mrs. Betty most every Thursday for the last several months with my dog "Saint". I always looked forward to our time together.

She has taught me alot about love, and the value of giving. The first time I met her she noticed Saint was very thirsty. She poured him up a great big bowl of water and he drank every drop. Since then I realized how much she enjoyed Saint?s company, and I soon realized that Mrs. Betty was Saint?s favorite person.

She treated him like her own. One day she bought a box of doggie treats just like the kind she always gave her dog McDuff. She gave him treat after treat after treat, and Saint loved every minute of it!!! I think he finished off the box in just 3 visits; and when she ran out of treats, she pulled out the Wheat Thins!

During my time with her I noticed how she was constantly giving of herself to her fellow residents at Evergreen. She was always ready to help them, and she told me that she felt like God put her at Evergreen to help the other residents. She told me of a time when she went out with family and when she got back 3 residents were waiting at her door all wanting to talk with her. She spent about an hour with each one, hoping to encourage them. I am sure they felt better after talking to Mrs. Betty. I know I?ve felt better after our visits.

This past Thursday I could tell she was not doing well physically, but there was a peace in her heart. We talked about the Lord, and she gave me encouragement as I shared with her about my uncle's recent diagnosis of lung cancer. She said, "Tell him to do what I do. Rest in the arms of Jesus. Just give it to Him, and rest." When she said this there was a peace in her eyes, and while smiling she wrapped her arms around herself and squeezed tight, as if to show that she would continue to rest and let Jesus? embrace be her

comfort.

I will never forget what she said that day. The wisdom in those words is priceless because I know that she truly was resting in the Peace of Jesus, a peace that passes all understanding.

May God bless your family and know that I am praying for you!
Lindsay Fricks

Lindsay Fricks - March 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Praying that God will give you strength and comfort during this time of loss in your family. God bless each of you.*

Lydia Thompson (Tina's Mom) - March 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Norman and girls:
How sad we are to learn that Betty died. I know it has been a tedious struggle for you all and we KNOW she is in Heaven free from pain and suffering. Know we care deeply for your precious family. Love,
Patsy and Russell Martin*

Patsy Martin - March 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM