



## Mrs. Betty R. May

March 8, 1942 - February 11, 2022

Mrs. Betty R. May, of Fountain, North Carolina, departed this life Friday, February 11, 2022, at Vidant Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held, 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 19, 2022, at Contending for the Faith Ministries, 1006 Academy Street, Wilson, North Carolina. Viewing one hour prior to the service. Burial in Sunset Memorial Park, FarmVille, North Carolina.

The family will assemble for the processional the church at 5922 Lang Street, Fountain, North Carolina. Masks are required to attend all services.

Mother Betty Ruth May was born to John Thomas Moore and Agnes Moore on March 8, 1942 in Pitt County. She departed this earthly life on February 11, 2022 at Vidant Hospital in Greenville, NC.

Mother Betty attended Speight School in Wilson, NC. Following her educational years she worked at a sewing factory, in the Tobacco Industry, and was the family nanny.

Once she gave her life to Christ, she entered ministry at Moye Chapel under the leadership of Bishop Willie Joyner. She then transitioned to Warren Chapel under Dr. Betty Haddock. Thereafter, she joined The Faith Outreach Worship Center under Pastor Mary May, and became the First Mother.

She was a beacon of light to many. No matter what she went through, she

kept a smile on her face. She was always a fighter and she fought a good fight. She kept the faith and finished her course.

Mother Betty was preceded in death by her husband Richard May, son, Johnny May, and daughter, Bessie May Gorham.

She loved the Lord with all of her heart. She was a great mom and grandmother. Her favorite meals always included steak and oxtails.

She is survived by her two daughters, Virginia Harris (Cornell) of Elm City, NC; Minister Mary Speight (Walter) of Wilson, NC. Her four sons, Richard May Jr, Thomas May, and Mark May, all of Fountain, NC; and Co-Pastor Jessie May (Mary) of Greenville, NC. One sister, Frances Tyson, of Farmville, NC. One brother, John Thomas Moore Jr., of Wilson, NC. Sixteen grandchildren, Stephanie May, who was like a daughter to her; Shemeka May, Dena May, Nikosha May, Mary May, Sheila May, Melvin May, Marvin May, Mark May Jr., Lamont May, Rosa Farmer, Randy Ellis, Tyrone Ellis, Jermaine Perry, Thomas May Jr, and Shaunna Bobbitt. One special niece, Margaret Blow. Special friends, Hugh Baker and family, Barbara Mack and Terrie Dickens, and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Park

Hwy 264 Alternate  
FarmVille , NC

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 19. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Contending For the Faith Church Ministries  
1006 Academy Street  
Wilson , NC 27893

## Funeral Services

FEB 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

NL

“ *Expression of Condolences to May Family. May the peace of God be with you during this difficult time. Nellie Lyons*

Nellie Lyons - February 18, 2022 at 07:14 PM

JB

“ *Mary, my prayers are with you and your family as you navigate this difficult time. May you be blessed with peace, comfort and healing.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Jerlonda Branch*

Jerlonda Branch - February 18, 2022 at 04:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Betty R. May.*



February 18, 2022 at 11:41 AM

AM

“ *Praying for peace and strength to the family during this difficult time. We will miss aunt Bet. But the memories of that smile on her face and those beautiful outfits and hats will stay with us forever.*

*Aunt Bet was one of the most caring lovable person one could ever meet. 🙏🙏*

*She will be deeply missed.*



Angela Maye - February 17, 2022 at 04:15 PM

PB

“ *Phyllis & Bennie Blount lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty R. May*



Phyllis & Bennie Blount - February 16, 2022 at 09:47 PM

PB

*Condolences to the family. Mother May was such a sweet person.*

Phyllis & Bennie Blount - February 16, 2022 at 09:51 PM

LS

“ *La'Forrest Speight lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty R. May*



La'Forrest Speight - February 16, 2022 at 06:20 PM

LS

“ *My Condolences to the Family. She was one of the sweetest person you could ever had met. Ever since I had known her she had always been a fashion queen. She had a smile of joy.*

La'Forrest Speight - February 16, 2022 at 06:16 PM

MM

“ *In times of sorrow, when words of comfort are needed most, it seems they are most difficult to say. But may you find comfort in knowing that our thoughts and prayer are with you. Mary Moye and Family*

Mary Moye - February 16, 2022 at 02:01 PM

PJ

“ *Peggy Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty R. May*



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**Peggy Jordan** - February 15, 2022 at 08:39 PM

BH

“ *Mary, I'm so grateful to have had the opportunity to meet your mom! She was kind, loving, funny and loved the Lord! She will be missed by many! Please know that you and your family are in our prayers! Love you!*



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**Billy and Vickie Hyman** - February 15, 2022 at 05:25 AM

DB

*To Mary from all of us at Vidant healthplex of wilson. For you and your family we are praying for your comfort and strength*

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**Douglas barnes** - February 15, 2022 at 01:23 PM