



Betty Jean Ogden

October 1, 1930 - April 2, 2025

Born into the union of Lucius and Betty Brown, Betty's life was marked by love, faith, and unwavering devotion to family and community.

As a child, Betty spent her early years in Columbus, Ohio, and Cape May, New Jersey, living with her mother, stepfather, and younger brother, John. After her stepfather's discharge from the Navy, the family relocated to Buffalo, New York, where Betty attended Buffalo public schools and later graduated from Fosdick-Masten High School.

In her 20s, she gave birth to Albert Foster, Crystal Foster, and David Foster. She worked diligently as a clerk at the Erie County Courthouse, balancing her responsibilities with grace and strength.

In her early 30s, Betty gave her life to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, at Bethesda Tabernacle in Tonawanda, New York. Her newfound faith filled her with joy, and she eagerly shared it with her loved ones, especially her mother, whom she persistently invited until she too embraced the Christian faith. Betty found great joy in teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, and learning to play both the piano and organ.

In her late 30s, she purchased a home for her family and mother on Laurel Street in Buffalo, New York. There, she met the handyman across the street—who happened to be a minister—unaware that he would later become her husband. Betty married Prince Ogden, and together they welcomed two children, Jonathan and LaDonna. The family eventually moved to Tonawanda, where Betty and Prince, both ordained ministers, established *God's

Deliverance Center* on Leroy Avenue in Buffalo. Their ministry served the local community with outreach and assistance for many years.

As her children grew up and moved on, Betty relocated to Atlanta, Georgia to escape the cold Buffalo winters and to be near her daughter Crystal. Her stepfather eventually relocated to Atlanta, and she lovingly cared for her stepfather until his passing. Her heart remained close to family, and she would frequently travel by bus to Buffalo and Columbus to visit Aunt Hattie and other relatives. During her journeys, she passed through Knoxville, Tennessee, and fell in love with its more temperate climate. Ever independent, Betty eventually moved to Knoxville and embraced her new surroundings wholeheartedly.

A woman of many talents, Betty loved playing the piano and organ, journaling, and writing short stories, poems, and inspirational pieces under a pseudonym, guided by the Holy Spirit. She adored flowers, plants, and the outdoors, and she found immense joy in caring for the dogs her daughters brought into her life—delighting in every moment as a devoted dog mom.

Betty found deep fulfillment in church and community life. Surrounded by a warm circle of seniors and neighbors, she cherished fellowship, shopping trips, and meals shared with friends. After moving to a senior condominium, she formed close-knit relationships with neighbors who looked out for one another. She enjoyed neighborhood walks and even had a friend who lovingly planted flowers in her yard.

Despite facing health challenges—including eye surgery and the unfortunate gradual decline of her vision that eventually led to permanent blindness—Betty remained resilient. After a leg injury impacted her mobility, she relocated to Washington, D.C. to be near family. As her health failed, Betty was lovingly cared for with direct support from her family until she was called home on the morning of April 2nd to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Betty is preceded in death by her daughter Crystal Foster and her son Albert Foster. She leaves behind the following family members to cherish her memory: her children, David Foster, Jonathan (Candice) Ogden, and LaDonna Ogden; her sister, Karen Roberts; her grandchildren, Kehli, Albert III,

Ebony, Jasmine, and Jordan; and a host of extended family members, friends, and loved ones who were blessed by her light, love, and legacy.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

MARSHALL-MARCH FUNERAL HOME OF MD
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Funeral Service

APR **22**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - April 28, 2025 at 04:07 PM



“ *Marshall-March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Betty Jean Ogden*



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - April 28, 2025 at 11:49 AM

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“ *Betty was a wonderful lady filled with God's spirit. She and my mother Charlotte Fernandez were very good friends when Betty lived in Knoxville, TN. They would go shopping and go to lunches together. My mom would drive Betty to her appointments and anywhere she needed to go until my mom had to stop driving. They enjoyed those outings together. Betty wrote many inspirational cards and letters to my mom thanking her for her friendship. My mother passed away in 2023, and even though they didn't get to see each other much anymore she and Betty would still talk on the phone to keep in touch and they would pray for one another. My condolences to the family as I have just now learned about Betty's passing. May God be with you all and give you peace. -- Maria Fernandez*

Maria Fernandez - November 07, 2025 at 02:21 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Ogden.



April 19, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“ *Pia and Marc Stephens* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Betty Jean Ogden.



Pia and Marc Stephens - April 17, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Ogden.



April 14, 2025 at 10:08 AM



“ *Kevin Bolding* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Betty Jean Ogden.



Kevin Bolding - April 08, 2025 at 05:12 PM

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“ Kevin Bolding planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Jean Ogden.

Kevin Bolding - April 08, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - April 05, 2025 at 02:01 PM