



Betty Ann Knack

February 9, 1944 - May 20, 2025

Betty Ann Knack, age 81 of Cottontown passed away Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at her home. She was born February 9, 1944 in Plainfield, NJ to Lucka John & Anna Capparelli Greco. She worked as a principal assistant for Gaylord Middle School until her retirement. Betty enjoyed painting, cooking, making jewelry and flower gardening. She was an avid Elvis fan and attended White House First United Methodist Church until covid. During and after the pandemic, she watched the services online. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, John Knack; brother-in-law, Alan Bender. She is survived by her sons, John Knack, Clarksville, TN and Ken (Jessi) Knack, Cottontown, TN; daughter, Amanda (Mike) Orr, Chapel Hill, TN; brother, John (Kathy) Greco, Milford, NJ; sisters, Arlene (Tony) Sumski, Bloomsburg, NJ and Patti Bender, Readington, NJ; 8 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren. A private family memorial service will be held in July. Her ashes will be placed in the columbarium at Hillcrest Cemetery with her husband. ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO AUSTIN & BELL 533 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000 www.austinandbell.com

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest
White House, TN

Tribute Wall

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“ Betty served as Gaylord Middle School's building secretary. She was loved and respected by all staff and students. I sent a text message to 35 retired staff members informing them of Betty's passing. Nineteen staff members responded to this sad news, and their comments highlighted Betty's tremendous impact on GMS. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

"I remember Betty well and always enjoyed her personality. She was such a capable person."

"BK was a great lady."

"She was such a special person."

"She was a wonderful individual; her family is in my prayers."

"A great person to have in the office to support teachers."

"Oh my, that makes me so sad."

"She was far and away one of the nicest, kindest, and funniest people I ever had the pleasure to work with. I have wonderful memories of our time together in the Middle School Office."

"She was one of a kind."

"She was a gem."

"She mastered a difficult job and was fun to work with. She was one of the good ones."

"She made a tough job look easy, and her sense of humor and kindness made GMS a special place."

"She was a gem."

"Betty was kind and tough."

"She made it easier for all of us."

"Betty always kept us smiling with her sarcastic wit."

"Great memories."

"I remember Betty as being calm, efficient, and well-liked."

"She was a wonderful lady."

David Schopp, GMS Principal 1980 - 2002

David Schopp - May 22, 2025 at 01:56 PM

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“ Betty was a great supporter to many of us at GMS, and she always surprised us with her sharp wit and sense of humor. She will be missed by all graced with her presence💕💕

Trish Hills

Gaylord Middle School staff

Trish Hills - May 22, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember when she came onto a zoom call and she would always say hi us and she would give us a hug i will miss her so so so so much i love her and will miss her so very much

Taylor Stocker - May 21, 2025 at 03:55 PM

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“ Betty was so much fun to be with. I recall a trip she & I took w/my sister, Nancy (who was a great friend of Betty's) to New Orleans. We had such a wonderful time... ate the heads off crawdads, drank a Mint Julep at 11 o'clock in the morning & threw most of it in the toilet, ate beignets, took a cruise in the Mississippi. She was a special woman.

Billie McBrien - May 21, 2025 at 02:11 PM