



Betty Sue Meadows Longwith

March 17, 1934 - November 1, 2017

Age 83 of White House, TN passed away Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at her home. She was born March 17, 1934 in White House, TN to L.D. and Elizabeth Jones Meadows. Betty received numerous honors in her lifetime. She was Air Force Wife of the Year, while stationed in Illinois, where she logged over 10,000 volunteer hours in the Red Cross, Family Service and youth programs.

In 1979, after suffering total deafness, she volunteered for the Cochlear Implant experimental surgery, which was highly successful. She traveled as a spokesperson for this new frontier in the medical field. She founded the Cochlear Implant Club International, a support group which grew from two members to a worldwide organization. She was recognized by three presidents for her work and was a recipient of the Deaf Tennessean award. She was a finalist in the southern states for the Jefferson award for outstanding citizens, and a co-founder of H.E.A.R. She served on numerous advisory counsels and was politically active at the local, state and national levels. An avid traveler, she enjoyed traveling abroad and in most of the 50 states. In 2003, she married Carol Goulding Rice, her soul mate. She was a member of Temple Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Carol Goulding Rice; son, John Wesley Longwith; brother, James A. "Jimmy" Meadows, Sr. She is survived by her daughter, Susan Elizabeth Longwith Wiser, White House, TN; son, Robert Longwith, Goodlettsville, TN; sister, Jennye Ann Meadows Baker, Nashville, TN; 3

grandchildren, Douglas Brent Johnson, White House, TN, Mary Katherine Wisner, Hendersonville, TN and Raleigh G. Wisner, Jr. White House, TN. Funeral service is scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 1pm in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in White House with Bro. Michael Duff officiating. Interment will follow in Jones Cemetery with family and friends serving as pallbearers. Visitation is planned for Friday, November 3, 2017 4-8pm and Saturday, November 4, 2017 10am-1pm at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cochlear Implant Awareness Foundation 130 South John Street Rochester, Illinois 62563 REMAINS REST AT AUSTIN & BELL 533 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000 www.austinandbell.com

Cemetery Details

Jones Cemetery

526 Tyree Springs Road

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home White House
533 TN-76
White House, TN 37188
(615) 672-5000
<https://austinandbell.com>

Visitation

NOV 4. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

NOV 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Justin Lee lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Meadows Longwith



Justin Lee - November 04, 2017 at 02:03 AM

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“ Opal, Justin, And Jessica Lee lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Meadows Longwith



Opal, Justin, and Jessica Lee - November 04, 2017 at 02:02 AM

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“ Melissa Trent Hood lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Meadows Longwith



Melissa Trent Hood - November 03, 2017 at 01:20 PM

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“ I am so saddened by the passing of my friend Betty. She was a wonderful and caring person who lived life to the fullest. My sincerest condolences to her family and friends...

Phyllis Garland

Phyllis Garland - November 01, 2017 at 07:46 PM