

Barnett, Betty Jean (Starnes)

1944-2021

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Betty Jean Barnett

Decatur ~ Betty Jean Barnett, 77, went to be with our Lord Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021, in Bridgeport.

Funeral was Sept. 20 at Pleasant View Baptist Church in Bridgeport with burial at Thomas Cemetery. The Rev. Paul Glazener officiated.

Pallbearers included Shane Howard, Mike Money, John Smith, David Lick, Blake Parker and Mac Whitcomb.

Betty was born Aug. 16, 1944, to James Simpson and Mazona June Starnes in Tyler. She was united in marriage to the love of her life, John Barnett on Oct. 10, 1964, at the First Baptist Church of Bridgeport. Betty had a career she loved as a corporate graphic designer who retired from JCPenney. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend who will be missed dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James Simpson, William Red Ivy Jr. and

Mazona June Starnes; and her sisters, Peggy Richey and Linda Ivy.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her husband of 56 years, John Barnett of Decatur; her daughter, Shelly Barnett Parker and husband, Brent, of Arlington; her son, Todd Barnett and wife, Heidi, of Idaho; her beloved grandchildren, Ashlyn, Jackson and Emma; her siblings, James Ivy, Tamisha Alonzo, Bobby Joe Simpson, Michael Simpson and James Simpson; and numerous extended family members and friends.