



## Betty Jo Laughlin

March 19, 1938 - January 31, 2026

Betty Jo Laughlin, 87, of Bloomington passed away Saturday January 31, 2026 at Richland Bean Blossom Healthcare Center in Ellettsville.

Betty started her career at Westing House and retired as co-owner of Laughlin Painting Company; she was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Bloomington.

Betty was born on March 19th, 1938, to her proud parents Johnny & Roxie Michael and was the youngest of three sisters. She was extremely close to her sisters and told many entertaining stories of their youthful adventures. She attended Clover Bottom Grade School and graduated in 1956 from Solsberry High School. After her graduation she met her husband of sixty-four years, the one and only John Ingles Laughlin, after he returned from his military service, during the Korean War. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and aunt, whose greatest joy was spending time with her family and friends. She will be dearly missed by her family, friends and those she touched in life.

Surviving relatives include her son, Robert Bryan Laughlin, her daughter-in-law's, Janet A. (Burhans) Laughlin, Lisa (Stillions) Monroe, her grandchildren, Nicole (Laughlin) Dixon, Rachel Christine (Laughlin) Walcott, Kaela Rose Laughlin, Alexis Laughlin, her great grandchildren, Ashlyn Nicole Laughlin,

Kasyn Dixon, Aiden Dean Walcott, Ian Alexander Walcott, Nora Eve Walcott, and several nieces and nephews.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, John Ingles Laughlin on January 4, 2021, two sons, John Ingles Laughlin, Jr; Mark David Laughlin, two sisters, Mona Reed, Juanita Uland and her parents.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

After the visitation is completed a time of sharing and celebration of life will begin at 3:30 pm on Wednesday.

Betty will be buried beside her husband and next to her sons at Scotland Cemetery and her faith is told in John 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers all donations in Betty's name be given to Scotland Cemetery.

We would like to give special thanks to the caregivers at Richland Bean Blossom Health Care Center and Heart to Heart Hospice. Thank you for your wonderful care.

Online condolences and memories can be shared at [www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Scotland Cemetery

Wallace Street  
Scotland, IN 47457

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - Bloomfield  
421 South Seminary Street  
Bloomfield, IN 47424  
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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Am thinking of Aunt Betty, the caring and loving and loveable Aunt that she was. Remembering as a young person & into adulthood her sweet voice and kind smiles that always conveyed a genuine welcome, so glad to see you kind of warmth. Also directness when needed as one time when as little kids some of us cousins were together and I put my chewed gum in the most logical (at least in my child aged mind) spot--Bobby's hair (he was sitting next to me in the car). Boy did she let me know (and rightly so) how annoying that was, but I still knew she loved me. Not only me, but probably all who were lucky enough to get to hear the stories she told on herself and her sisters, never tired of hearing them. It was such a wonderful glimpse into their lives as kids as she vividly described some of their adventures. The relationship between Aunt Betty, Aunt Needy (Juanita) & Mom (Mona) went well beyond just being sisters. They seemed to all be best friends, taking fun trips together and looking out for, and supporting one another through good and hard times. When Mom was battling cancer, undergoing chemo, very weak & understandably discouraged, to lift her spirits Aunt Betty & Aunt Needy paid for weekly house cleaning to help lift away Mom's worries in that area--one of the many, many loving things/loving ways to remind her how much they loved her & were with her. At Mom's death Aunt Betty, knowing Mom's desire to always look her best & Mom's displeasure that she had not been blessed with thick eyebrows asked if it would be okay with us kids if she arranged for Mom's hairstylist to assist with making sure Mom's "makeup" (in particular her eyebrows) prior to her showing at the funeral home, was what she thought Mom would like--such a thoughtful, caring sister! Sending our love & prayers to Bobby, Janet, Nikki & all Aunt Betty's family & friends. Love, Karen & Paul & family

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Karen Young - February 04 at 10:55 AM

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“ *What an exceptional example of a strong, kind, loving woman. Betty was always so kind and welcoming to me even though I was not related to her. When I spent time with her granddaughter Betty always included me in everything, such a wonderful kind soul. When I would visit her we would laugh about some of the stories and remember all the great times we all had. I will miss you my friend* ❤️

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**Natosha Stillions** - February 04 at 10:48 AM

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“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Natosha Stillions** - February 04 at 10:35 AM

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“ *I enjoyed talking to Betty at the Indiana Memorial Union. She was so kind and hard-working. One day I was telling her about an upcoming trip I had to go out west. She told me about Sedona, AZ and how beautiful it is. Well, I went, and it is indeed beautiful! Prayers to you all as you celebrate this amazing lady. ~Rosanne Emerick*

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**Rosanne Emerick** - February 02 at 03:38 PM



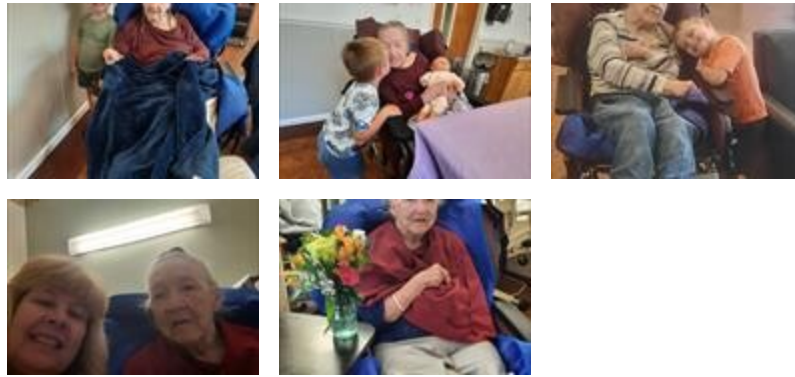
“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Laughlin.* ”



February 02 at 03:27 PM



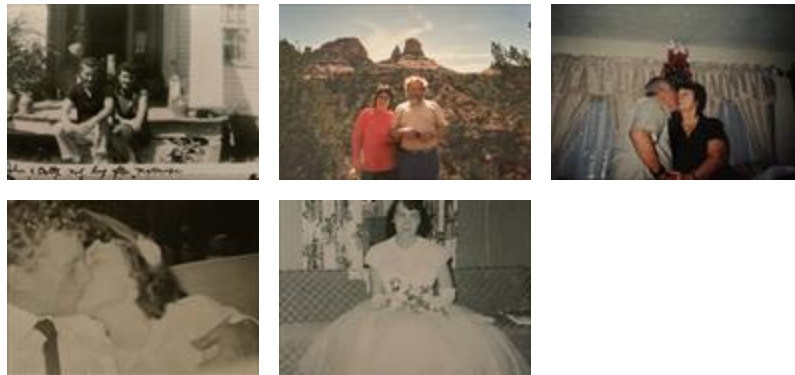
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**Lisa Monroe** - February 02 at 11:48 AM



“ *19 files added to the album Betty Jo* ”



**Robert Laughlin** - February 02 at 11:44 AM

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“ Betty was a second mother to me even after Jay died she always included me and we included each other in all of our family activities and functions, she always treated me more like a daughter than a daughter-in-law she was always there for me and always gave me great advice and guidance even though sometimes I didn't even ask for it she will always be remembered as a loving mother and grandmother, she is with God now and off her family that has proceeded her, we love you and will miss you. Lisa

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**Lisa Monroe** - February 02 at 11:26 AM