



## Betty Blagg Robertson

November 7, 1932 - July 30, 2025

Obituary for Betty Jane “BJ” Blagg Robertson

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Betty Jane “BJ” Blagg Robertson of Gainesville, Virginia, passed away peacefully at home on July 30, 2025, surrounded by her devoted family. She was 92 years old.

BJ was born in the quiet mountain town of Doe Hill, Virginia, where she developed the strength, grace, and values that would define her life. A proud graduate of Ferrum College & Madison College, she dedicated her career to education as a business teacher, helping generations of students build the skills they needed to succeed in the evolving world.

Together with her husband, William “Bill” Robertson, BJ shared a spirit of adventure and a love of exploration. They traveled the world, creating memories across continents. Among her fondest chapters was the two years they spent living in the Dominican Republic, where she embraced the culture and the vibrant community. She never missed a day without enjoying a fresh avocado.

She was the heart of her family — a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who gave generously of her time, wisdom, and stories.

BJ is survived by her loving children: daughters Blair, Bess, and Patti Robertson and Kimberly Green (spouse Garry Green), son Larry Robertson, and grandchildren Patrick Robertson and Haleh Ghaffari (spouse Donny Bubbins), and great-granddaughter Kiana "KJ" Ghaffari-Bubbins. She is also cherished and remembered by her foster son George Martin (spouse Toni Martin) and the Blagg family (nephews, great-nephews, great-nieces, and their spouses and children).

She now joins her beloved husband, Bill Robertson, in eternal rest.

A celebration of BJ's life will be held August 22, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Centreville United Methodist Church. She will be laid to rest beside Bill at Culpeper National Cemetery.

BJ will be remembered for her stories, her enduring strength, and the deep love she gave to all who were lucky enough to know her. Her legacy lives on in the lives she touched and the family she so dearly loved.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in her memory to Capital Caring (hospice): [Tribute Wall](#) | [Capital Caring Tribute Lights](#).

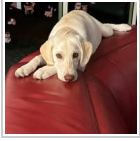
# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Centreville United Methodist Church  
6400 Old Centreville Rd  
Centreville, VA 20121-2628  
(703) 830-2684

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kim, Larry, Patty Bill, Bess & Blair,*  
*I'm so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I have many fond memories of BJ, especially her kindness, patience and love and devotion to her family. Our families shared many memories together on Miller road growing up. I remember the birthdays we would share lighting the candles on the cake and all of us singing very loud and very off key. Then sharing cake and ice cream!*  
*I hope the happy memories you have of her and the love she had for each of you brings you comfort in the days ahead.*  
*With deepest sympathy,*  
*Sandi Savia*

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**Sandi Savia** - August 21, 2025 at 08:18 PM

DT

“BJ came into our lives when she started dating Bill. I was only 4 years old, my brothers 9 and 11. The Robertson family had been intertwined with ours since the 1940s, Bill's parents and great uncle like foster grandparents for us Valis children.

*It was exciting to have this pretty young woman help me dress my Little Miss Revlon doll and let me play with her pop-it beads. We shared many Sunday meals with the family in McLean and swapped plants with BJ at her Oakton home up until the early 2000s. She and my mother loved to talk plants, dahlias, lilies, vegetables and canning. The basement shelves were always full of jars.*

*We were lucky to have the Robertson clan, including their foster daughter, live across the street from us while they built their Oakton home. BJ introduced me and my siblings to a real delicacy - peanutbutter and banana sandwiches.*

*BJ and Bill were the perfect pair, devoted to their family, both biological and foster, to the students, their friends and to the Methodist church. They each had a great sense of humor and made for some fun get togethers over the decades.*

*BJ will be remembered fondly not only by us siblings but by our children who also remember her warmth and kindness. And pickles!*

*Love to all the Robertsons and George Martin from Diana, Wayne and Neil Valis*

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**Diana Tarr** - August 21, 2025 at 04:54 PM

PH

“ My sister, Eileen has said it all so well. Our family has very fond memories of growing up next door to yours. It was so long ago but somehow it seems like yesterday.

We were grateful that your mom continued to keep in touch long after you moved away, first with our mom and dad, and then with me. Her Christmas notes were lovely, and I was happy to pass on her New Year wishes to the rest of the Irbys.

I feel though, that I only had a small picture of BJ Robertson - warm and caring person, friend to our parents, and busy mother (grandmother and great-grandmother!). Thanks to you, in reading her life story, I learned so much more about her. What an impressive lady!

I am very sorry that I will not be able to attend her service tomorrow, but please know I'll be there in spirit and will be paying tribute to a life very well lived.

In deepest sympathy from my husband, Don and me,  
Pam (Irby) House

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**Pamela Irby House** - August 20, 2025 at 11:52 AM

EA

“ I am so sorry to learn about the loss of your dear Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Growing up next door to the Robertson Family in Oakton, I was blessed to know you all and your wonderful parents. BJ was a great mother and a wonderful lady. Her rock garden and her vegetable garden were amazing. She was so sweet and really loved children. She had amazing energy. She was so patient with all of us kids when we acted silly! I look back on those times with great fondness. My thoughts and prayers are with your sweet family.

Blessings to you all,  
Eileen Irby Atkinson

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**Eileen Atkinson** - August 16, 2025 at 10:46 PM

LD

“ *Love: Laurel, Joseph and Baby Darcy purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Betty Blagg Robertson.*



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**Love: Laurel, Joseph and Baby Darcy** - August 12, 2025 at 12:06 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Betty Blagg Robertson.*



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August 12, 2025 at 06:51 AM

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“ *The Cooks purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Betty Blagg Robertson.*



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**The Cooks** - August 09, 2025 at 07:51 PM