



## Betty J. Givens

June 9, 1932 - June 19, 2023

Betty Jean Givens was born June 9, 1932 in Danville, KY to the late Homer R. and Helen F. Smith. She moved to Lexington, KY as a child where she resided the remainder of her life. She departed this life into eternal rest to be with our Lord and Savior on June 19, 2023.

Betty accepted Christ at Consolidated Baptist Church, Lexington, KY. at an early age. She later became a faithful member of Shiloh Baptist Church where she formerly served in the culinary ministry and supported other ministries.

Betty graduated from the old Douglas High School with the class of 1950. She retired from Eastern State Hospital with over 25 years of committed service.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Ruben W. Givens, two brothers, Tom and Jack Smith, a son, Kenneth Givens and a step son Ruben Givens, Jr.

Betty was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, niece, cousin, and friend. She especially enjoyed spending time with family and the hugs of the many generations of babies. She was the biological mother of ten, however was known as "Mom" to many others.

Betty leaves to cherish her memory, three daughters, Regenia Taylor, Barbara Givens, and Paulette Givens, all of Lexington, KY; six sons, Andrew (Veronica) Givens, Winchester, KY; Michael (Lizzie) Givens, ElCentro, California; Anthony (Pamela) Givens, Nicholasville, KY; Jack (Linda) Givens, Georgetown, KY; Lawrence (Melinda) Weathers, Lexington, KY; Darrell (Heidi) Givens, Owensboro, KY; one daughter-in-law, Kimberly Givens-French; 28

grandchildren, including a special granddaughter, Janet (Jeff) Lewis, 39 great-grandchildren, 24 great-great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-great-grandchildren; one brother, John (Cheryl) Smith, Dayton, OH; one aunt, Martha Grey, Danville, KY; several generations of special nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and devoted friends. Other survivors include a bonus son, Nathan (Cookie) Pass, and a special friend Flora Byrd.

Funeral services will be held Monday, June 26, 2023 at 12:00 noon at Shiloh Baptist Church. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am until time of service.

# Cemetery Details

## Lexington Cemetery

833 W. Main Street  
Lexington, KY 40508

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN **26**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Baptist Church  
237 E Fifth St  
Lexington, KY 40508-1511  
(859) 252-5315

# Tribute Wall

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“ Worked with Betty givens for years- even tried to hire her away from nursing staff but they wanted to keep her. Great lady- special memory when her work family helped with expenses for her to see Jack play in tournament. Sorry for your loss but it's heavens gain 🙏  
I was pharmacy director at ESH-

Carol Wills - June 25, 2023 at 03:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty J. Givens.



June 24, 2023 at 10:02 AM

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“ Joseph H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty J. Givens.

Joseph H. - June 23, 2023 at 08:18 PM