



Lettie Roach

May 17, 1927 - May 25, 2021

Lettie Walker McKinney Roach, 94, of Lexington, KY passed away peacefully at her home on May 25, 2021. She was born in Stanford, KY on May 17, 1927. Preceding her in death were her parents, James Walker and Douglas Craig McKinney, her husband of 44 years and the love of her life, S. T. Roach, and two sisters, Helen Rose and Addie Pearl.

Lettie was educated in the Lincoln County Public Schools, and was a member of Turnersville Baptist Church in Stanford, KY. After graduating from Lincoln High School in Stanford, she attended Kentucky State University where she earned a BS degree in Elementary Education in 1950. She taught and tutored for many years in the Fayette County Public School System, and retired July 1, 1983 after 33 years of faithful service.

After moving to Lexington to teach, Lettie united with the Main Street Baptist Church on December 19, 1959 under the services of former Pastor R. H. Johnson. A faithful member of Main Street Baptist for over fifty years, Lettie was one of the founding members of the Anne Worthington Coleman Scholarship Committee. She was a quiet member who could always be called upon to do just about anything. Aside from her church, Lettie was a member of Links, Inc., Carpe Diem Club, and a Pearl member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

Lettie dearly loved her family and the Main Street Baptist Church. She also enjoyed traveling, whether with family or friends. She especially loved her students who she often spoke of even during her final days. Then, there were those UK Wildcats. For her, the world actually “stopped turning” whenever there was a basketball game. Lettie loved sewing, and was a skilled seamstress. She also had a passion for hats. Sometimes she designed and made them from scratch; other times she modified those she bought. She loved cooking, and especially enjoyed baking cakes, either to sell or just give away. (Her caramel icing was to die for!!) It’s hard to even imagine, but Lettie swore she never ever ate any of her own cakes. Instead, she opted for the Coconut cakes purchased from Sam’s Club. She had a tremendous dislike for eggs, and you couldn’t pay her to eat one. She loved fried shrimp and greasy (very greasy) green beans. Oh, and she loved playing Bridge and Acey

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Lettie will be sorely missed by everyone who knew her. She leaves to cherish her memory her two stepchildren, Thomas (Sandra) Roach, Lexington, KY, and Sandra (Walter) Cole, Fayetteville, NC; cousins Evelyn Walker, Indianapolis, IN, Geraldine Jackson, Charlotte, NC, Ann Garvin, Topeka, KS, Ruth Baker (Arnold) Lynch, Hopkinsville, KY, Kevin and Gerald Baker, Lexington, KY; step-grandsons Kent McLaurin, Alexandria, VA, and Ashley Roach, San Francisco, CA, as well as a host of other relatives and friends and a loving Church

Service: June 16, 2021 at Main Street Baptist Church Chapel
600 West Main Street., Lexington, KY.

Visitation: 11:00 am. Funeral: 12:00 pm.

Live Streamed on <https://www.mainstreetbaptistchurchlexky.org>

Burial at The Lexington Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lettie's memory to
Alzheimer's Association <https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2>

Cemetery Details

Lexington Cemetery

Previous Events

Service

JUN **16**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Main Street Baptist Church
582 W Main St
Lexington, KY 40508
(859) 252-3838

Tribute Wall



“ *Lettie Roach*

February 01, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ *Ms. Lettie was a sweet, kind, compassionate soul. She was our neighbor for over 40 years. She could always be found watering her flowers or sitting in the garage on Summer evenings. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone. She is going to be missed by everyone who knew and loved her. Prayers of comfort are further extended to her family as they lay this precious soul to rest.*

Eric Smith - June 10, 2021 at 11:56 AM