



Betty Seagle Lawing

Aug. 26, 1930 - Oct. 29, 2023

Betty Seagle Lawing, 93, of Morganton, NC, went to her heavenly home Sunday, October 29, 2023.

Born in McDowell County, NC on August 26, 1930, she is the daughter of the late William Vance Seagle and Callie Lee Dixon Seagle.

Betty was a member of Mt. Home Baptist Church where she sang in the choir and was involved with numerous church committees. She retired from Western Piedmont Community College with 20 years of service and volunteered with Mission Service Corporation for 15 years.

Betty is survived by her children, Gail Lawing and Rev. Van Ray Lawing (Pam); grandchildren, Amanda Dorlan and Adam Lawing (Renee); great-grandchildren, Daniel Dorlan, Matthew Dorlan, Zoe Lawing, Emma Lawing, Josie Lawing, and Lucy Lawing; brother-in-law, Johnny Hensley (Mildred); and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Eugene Lawing; and sister, Sybil Sparks.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Mt. Home Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. in the church with Rev. Van Ray Lawing officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mt. Home Baptist Church Graceful Giving Fund, 2272 Mt. Home Church Road, Morganton, NC 28655 or Via Hospice, 101 Lenoir Street, Morganton, NC 28655.

Betty was a great Christian lady.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

Deepest sympathy.

—Ann Smith

Gail, Van Ray, Pam, and Family—We have no words to express our sadness in Betty's home going—excited for her but our hearts are broken! When we joined Mount Home many years ago, Betty was one of the first persons to welcome us and we immediately bonded! She was such a beautiful lady with a beautiful smile. What an inspiration she was to us and she will be so missed by all who knew her! We heard many funny stories, especially about her time spent in Nevada! She loved the Lord with all her heart and her family as well! She promised us one of her first books published and we sure were looking forward to it! Please know all of you remain in our thoughts and prayers during the days ahead! Miss Betty, we loved you so much—Until we meet again!!!!!!

—Frank and Robbie Moore

Betty wrote a book and changed my life , I loved her stories and loved her dearly

—Joy Perez



Gail, I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Praying for peace and comfort during this time.

—Kelli McCall



My sincere condolences to Betty's family especially Gail and Van Ray. I worked with her at Western Piedmont Community College for ten years. After that we had many

occasions to talk and enjoy each other. I could always count on getting caught up at Christmas time with her family through her cards. May God bless each of you during this most difficult time in your lives. You all remain in my most sincere prayers.

—Diann Thomas Tate

Betty was one of the first people who reached out to me when I was a new member at Mt. Home. She was such a loving and precious soul and affectionately adopted me as a "daughter". Was blessed to get to sing beside her for quite some time in the choir and I know she is singing in that heavenly choir right now. Betty will be missed but heaven truly gained a Saint. My prayers are with the entire family.

—Kristi Bruns



I did not know her that well. Her husband was a substitute at my school, Oak Hill Junior High School, when I was a teenager. We loved having him at our school; he was a great man! I know that Gail was a faithful, devoted member at Mount Home. She will be missed!

—Daphne Simmons



Prayers going up for the Lawing family. Betty was a wonderful woman and will be missed.

—Kathy Yount

Gail, Van Ray we are so saddened to learn of Ms. Betty's passing. She was such an inspiration to so many people including us. Heaven has certainly gained another Saint. We're praying that God grant you both and the entire family peace and comfort in all the days to come. Such a Great Lady in heart and mind. Our Love.

—Sam and Jan Buckner

Dear Gail, I am so sorry to hear of your mothers passing. Always enjoyed seeing her friendly wave if we passed on the street. She was always there supporting family members if they had lost a loved one; including me. What a blessing for you to have had her to love for so many years. Thinking of you and your family.
Linda Shoemaker

—Linda (Noe) Shoemaker

Betty was such a nice person! She will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to her family.

—LAURA McCOY

Gail, I am so sorry to learn of your Mother's death. But what a blessing she was for 93 years!! I have such fond memories from our days at "the high rise". I also remember that both of you were present when my Dad died in 1998. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this time. CJ Michaels Edwards

—CJ Edwards

My sympathy to all the Lawing family. Betty was a cherished friend to know and will be missed. She stepped into heaven and will meet her again one day soon.

—Reba Reece



Betty was one of the most amazing ladies. It has been a true blessing to know her and to love her. She always had a smile on her face and a stubborn will about her, which is why she was so amazing. There was nothing she couldn't do and if you told her she couldn't she'd prove you wrong. She is already missed dearly. She's rejoicing in Heaven right now! To the family, please know that we love you and are here if you need anything at all. She always told us stories about each of you and she loved you all so very much. She bragged all the time about how wonderful and blessed she was to have such a great family.

—Ashley Austin & Linda Epley