



## Betty Lou Wood Hurlock

May 10, 1926 - November 13, 2016

Mrs. Betty Lou Wood Hurlock— 90, of Knoxville, on Sunday, November 13, 2016, after a brief illness, peacefully and surrounded by family, rejoined hands in Heaven with her beloved husband Charlie. Born May 10, 1926 to Samuel Pierce and Ethel Jones Wood, she was raised in Atlanta, Georgia with her older sister, Helene (deceased). She was a proud alumna of the prestigious Girls High School, where she excelled in academics, choral performance and forming lifelong friendships. She was a member of Park Street United Methodist Church, where she was a leader in her youth group and soloist for their choral programs.

After school and while working in Medical administration, she met the love of her life, Charles “Charlie” Hurlock and upon his graduation from Emory Candler school of Theology, they married. For 68 years, they gave witness to what a truly Christian marriage should be - seldom apart, commonly holding hands and occasionally overheard arguing about “who loved whom the most”. Together, they faithfully served United Methodist Churches throughout the Holston Conference. At each appointment, they made positive contributions to the churches and communities they served, developing lasting friendships everywhere they went.

Her life was defined by her Faith, Family and Fortitude. Woman of Faith: her faith directed her entire life. In her youth, 14 years of perfect Sunday School attendance and leader of youth group. In her adult ministry, she was always teaching Sunday School, leading youth groups, mentoring and encouraging others and sharing her musical talents. Woman of Family: devoted to her husband, children and extended family, she created a warm, welcoming and secure atmosphere in all of their homes across the Holston Conference - “home” being wherever our family was gathered. She was committed to the idea of healing families when they “break”, founding “Partners in Crisis” - a ministry for Clergy families struggling with life’s challenges. Woman of Fortitude: she always seemed to find a way to share a positive witness when facing difficult situations. She used her every talent and opportunity to share her faith. For years, she volunteered as a reader for “Recording for the Blind” and vision-impaired ... until she lost her own sight. Her beautiful voice inspired many until throat issues reduced her to a whisper. As long as she was able, she delivered mobile meals. After her own battle with breast cancer, she joined Bosom

Buddies and Reach to Recovery to assist and encourage others dealing with this devastating disease. Through all of her trials and tribulations, her consistent gentle and sweet spirit was an inspiration to others.

Betty will be remembered as a lifelong example of the “truly servant heart”. She loved and lived life to the fullest and in the honor of “Her God”. She is survived by daughter Carol Chamberlain (Allen, deceased); son David Hurlock (Christie Bledsoe Hurlock); special nieces, Jeanette Day, Marjorie Putnam and Donna Hurlock; grandchildren, Wesley Chamberlain (Amy), Chad Chamberlain (Alice), Cara Chamberlain Russell, Sarah Catherine Hurlock; great-grandchildren, Emma, Aidan, Cole, Sophia, Connor and Rylie. Our family wishes to extend sincere appreciation and gratitude to all of the Shannondale staff and personal caregivers throughout the years. Memorials can be made to: Partners in Crisis, c/o Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 850 Alcoa, TN, 37701-0850, or First United Methodist Church, 3316 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919. A celebration of Betty’s life will be held at noon on Saturday, November 19 at First United Methodist Church. Private interment to follow. The family will receive friends Friday, November 18th, from 4:00 – 7:00 pm at Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel, 6200 Kingston Pike and 11:00 am – noon prior to the service on Saturday at First United Methodist. Online condolences may be made at [www.rosemortuary.com](http://www.rosemortuary.com)

# Events

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**NOV** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel  
6200 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN, US

**NOV** **Visitation** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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First United Methodist Church  
3316 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN, US

**NOV** **Funeral Service** 12:00PM

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First United Methodist Church  
3316 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN, US

**NOV** **Interment**

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Private  
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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



Rose Mortuary - November 17, 2016 at 11:52 AM

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“ Dear Carol and David ,  
I don't know what prompted me to look for your mother's name on the internet but I did and I see that she passed away. I'm so sorry for your loss. I don't know that you would remember me but I'm Della Berry...my husband was Dr. William Berry. Your mom worked with him for a number of years in Chattanooga until she moved to Knoxville. She was a wonderful person and both Bill and I loved her and your dad Charlie. They were very special people. I seem to remember that your father gave up wearing after shave lotion because your mom was allergic. (Funny memory)  
I live in the Miami area now and have very fond memories of our days in Tennessee. Your parents were two of my favorite people.  
With love and fondest wishes...Della

Della Berry - April 05, 2017 at 08:57 PM

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“ I have fond memories of the years my husband Houston Inman and I spent in South Pittsburg as pastor of the First Baptist Church while Charlie and Betty pastored the Methodist Church. These years were special because of our friendship with Charlie and Betty.  
My prayers and thoughts are for the family.  
May God bless you.  
Sherlene Inman

Sherlene Inman - November 17, 2016 at 07:51 PM

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“ 168 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rose Mortuary - November 17, 2016 at 11:41 AM

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“ Mrs. Hurlock was an extremely kind southern lady. She will be missed by so many.

Lana Needham - November 16, 2016 at 08:57 PM