



## Betty S. Wade

May 28, 1929 - March 29, 2025

On Saturday, March 29, 2025, Mrs. Betty S. Wade went to her eternal rest. We lost our beloved mother and Nana but are grateful for the long life she lived and the joy that she brought our family.

There are so many stories about Betty that we'd like to tell and memories that we would like to relive as we celebrate her life. Please join us for storytelling and visitation from 5:00 until 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at the funeral home.

The funeral service will happen the next day at 11:00 A.M., Thursday, April 3, 3025 at Mann-Mize Methodist Church where her brother, the Reverend Dr. John L. Snellgrove and the Reverend Sonny Mason, will conduct the service. The burial will be afterwards in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Betty was born on May 28, 1929, in Augusta, GA to the late John L. and Ossie Mae Shuman Snellgrove (Big Mama). She lived in Augusta for her whole life and was lucky enough to marry the love of her life, the late L. Monroe Wade (Papa) in 1947 right after the war ended. Betty and Monroe lived the American dream, starting a family, buying a house, and collecting friends wherever they went. They were blessed with two daughters, Deborah Wade Fuller and Joyce Wade Loflin, making their home a place of love and commotion for many years.

Betty was deeply invested in her family and loyal beyond measure. She had a strong relationship with her siblings, Barbara Snellgrove Stanford and John L. "Jack" Snellgrove, and liked nothing more than spending time with them and

their extended families. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter were important gatherings in the Augusta area with either the Snellgrove or Wade families. Betty and Monroe had an active circle of friends. Monroe bought and fixed up Ford Model A cars, and they joined a local club called The Shade Tree As. On weekends they could be found at car shows, parades, or other local events. Those beautiful antique cars were featured at the weddings of all three of Betty's grandchildren!

When Betty and Monroe weren't showing off their antique cars, they were likely to be found square dancing with the Richmond Wheelers or off on a camping adventure with the Good Sams Camping Club. They spent many happy weekends together with friends, sipping coffee, swapping stories, and enjoying the fellowship of like-minded folks. Many of those camping trips involved time at the lake, and they were both accomplished on water skis. Unlike many of her generation, Betty worked outside the home for much of her life. Most of that time—42 years!—was spent in service to the Richmond Country Sheriff where she served in a variety of administrative roles. She had more than a lifetime's worth of experience in that office which made her a valuable friend if you ever got a speeding ticket.

Betty's Christian faith was an incredibly important part of her life. Until her passing, she was as the longest surviving member of the original Mann Memorial Church, where she and Monroe married and where both of her children were baptized. Betty served her church faithfully for many years as a member of the Gleaner's Sunday School Class and the Wesley Guild. She was a staple of the local choir, singing both with Mann Memorial but also the Senior Choir at Trinity on the Hill. It will be hard for us to hear a Christian hymn without thinking of Nana.

Betty was deeply involved in the lives of her grandchildren and even her great-grandchildren. Zebulon Wade Fuller and his wife Carrie lived for many years in New York City, and Betty visited several times for big city thrills. After they moved to Colorado and had a son, Charles Monroe, Betty invested her time in getting to know Charlie both in Denver and also on trips back to

Georgia.

Anna Fuller McBrayer and her husband Justin have lived all over the country but mostly in Colorado. No matter where they went, Betty came to visit, from camping in Montana to jet skiing in the Caribbean. She got to know both of Anna's children, Patrick McBrayer and Aeneas McBrayer, well as she was the only great-grandmother they ever knew.

Kayla Loflin Kincaid and her husband Jared live in North Augusta and were constant companions for Betty. She spent much of her time with Kayla and "J" and was tickled pink to meet their first son and her final great-grandson, Slade Kincaid just two years ago. Nana and Slade had a special relationship, and he is going to miss sitting on her lap!

Chance and Hydrick Funeral Directors, 2502 Richmond Hill Road, Augusta, Georgia 30906.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (est)

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2502 Richmond Hill Road  
Augusta, GA 30906  
(706) 790-8567  
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## Funeral Service

APR 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (est)

Mann-Mize Fellowship  
2705 Milledgeville Rd.,  
Augusta, GA 30904

## Interment

APR 3. 12:00 PM (est)

Hillcrest Memorial Park  
2700 Deans Bridge Rd  
Augusta, GA 30906  
(706) 790-1185

# Tribute Wall



“ *Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty S. Wade*



**Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors** - April 02, 2025 at 12:44 PM

DV

*That was the most beautiful and special memories of Betty and her precious family❤️Brought tears to my eyes but a smile on my face.❤️*  
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**Deborah Varnes** - April 03, 2025 at 11:11 AM

CC

*Beautifully done! Lovely tribute!*

**Chris Cowherd** - April 03, 2025 at 12:48 PM

PM

*A precious lady!  
And obviously a life well lived!*

**philip mckinney** - April 05, 2025 at 11:14 AM

AS

*Dear Debra. Anna and.family. so very sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort. She was an amazing lady. A life well lived and enjoyed.God bless you all. Andy & Dale sapp*

**Andy & Dale. SAPP** - April 14, 2025 at 10:04 PM

BA

*Just seeing this this morning 🥹*

**Barbara** - May 16, 2025 at 09:54 AM

DF

“ My prayers and thoughts are with Betty's family. I have so many memories of Betty.  
Debbie Newsome Nevils Farr

Debbie N Farr - April 05, 2025 at 06:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty S. Wade.

April 05, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty S. Wade.



April 05, 2025 at 03:52 PM

JG

“ What a wonderful lady. During my very early years with the Sheriff's Office, every encounter I had with Mrs. Wade, she gave me patience as well guidance. Mrs. Wade, was very dedicated and loved the Sheriff's Office. She was the very first Sworn Deputy that was a Administrated Secretary. After she retired I later ran into her with her family in McCormick S.C., sometime at church sometime just out and about. Her family loved and cared for Mrs. Wade so very well. My prayers are for all her family and friends that adored Mrs. Wade. The gates of heaven I know were wide open and who are now with your love of your life. Thank you for being a part of my life history. You will be missed, and forever loved.

John Gray - April 03, 2025 at 09:28 AM

PW

“ My prayers are with Ms Betty's family! I had the pleasure of knowing Betty while working at the Sheriff's Office. She and Juanita Dantzler were like our work Mama's.... Always there for advice or a shoulder to cry on! I loved staying in touch with Betty after I left the SO and we stayed in touch often! Ms Betty was a wonderful lady and child of God..... I know she's in a beautiful place now but will surely be missed by her loving family 🥀🌿🕊️

Pam Wheatley - April 02, 2025 at 10:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty S. Wade.



April 02, 2025 at 04:20 PM

JR

“ I enjoyed coffee time with Betty, when she was visiting her daughter Deborah at Savannah Lakes. Sometimes we would sit out in Deborah's garage while Deborah and Joyce were preparing things to put in the Red Rooster and other places where they sold their wares. Betty would tell stories on the two sisters and events in their lives. We always had lots of laughs. From time to time we would share a slice of the famous apple cake. If you haven't had a slice, you really missed out. I will miss Betty being out here and the time that we shared together.  
Jean Randall

Jean Randall - April 02, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ 97 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors - April 02, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Betty S. Wade*.



April 02, 2025 at 12:04 PM



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April 02, 2025 at 09:56 AM



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TC

“ *The Shade Tree A's Model A club purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Betty S. Wade.*



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**The Shade Tree A's Model A club** - April 01, 2025 at 09:25 PM

SA

“ *Susan Ahlgren purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Betty S. Wade.*



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**Susan Ahlgren** - April 01, 2025 at 07:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Betty S. Wade.*



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April 01, 2025 at 05:30 PM

JW

“ *Heartfelt condolences to Deborah, Joyce and the family. I have great memories of Ms. Betty from growing up in Mann Memorial. She was truly a wonderful Christian lady. I know that when she reached those pearly gates, she was greeted by all of her loved ones that had been waiting on her. My prayers are with each of you for comfort and peace.*

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**Jan Griesel Williams** - April 01, 2025 at 04:29 PM

JH

“ Jolly’s, Capitani’s and Hahn’s purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Betty S. Wade.



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**Jolly’s, Capitani’s and Hahn’s** - April 01, 2025 at 04:16 PM

LW

“ Deborah and Joyce,  
It’s been quite a long time but I still remember Ms. Betty as a true friend. I guess, David and I will never get the opportunity to repay her for the giant service that she paid on behalf of the two of us. I will never forget her warm sense of humor and the friendship shown to me. Cindy and I are so sorry for your loss and pray that God sends you comfort and peace in the coming days. Please know that you are loved and in our thoughts and prayers. We love you.

Laurie and Cindy Wilkes  
Ldwilkes@comcast.net

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**Laurie Wilkes** - April 01, 2025 at 04:09 PM

JS

“ James S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty S. Wade.

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**James S.** - April 01, 2025 at 01:14 PM