



Betty Frances Ennis Hockaday

May 30, 1929 - November 30, 2025

Betty Frances Ennis Hockaday, 96, passed away peacefully to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on November 30, 2025. Born and raised in the Carpenter community of Cary, she lived a long life centered on faith, family, and the values she carried from her upbringing. She was a devoted lifelong active member of Good Hope Baptist Church. She served as Sunday School teacher, first female deacon, worked in church kitchen, decorating committee and many other services including mission trip. She supported the Carpenter volunteer fire department by being a Fire Pal. She was known for her love of cooking and baking her “Hummingbird” cake and “Red Velvet” cake for family and friends. Betty graduated from Green Hope High School in 1945 and completed additional education at Kings Business College in Raleigh. She retired from Great American Insurance Company in Raleigh as an adjuster.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Kay Hockaday Van Asch (Neil) of Oakboro, NC, her sons, Don Hockaday (Kelly) of Benson, NC and Bob Hockaday (Jaye) of Chapel Hill, NC and her grandchildren Brooke Rigsbee (Mark) of Fuquay-Varina, NC, Sarah Hockaday of Durham, NC, Eric Van Asch of Raleigh, NC, and Kevin Van Asch of Asheville, NC and great-grandchildren Cody Poythress, Riley Poythress, and Harper Rigsbee of Fuquay-Varina, NC.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Davis Hockaday; her parents, William Busbee Ennis and Gertrude Reams; her siblings, Bill Ennis,

Wilma Phillips, and Peggy Hatcher.

Betty will be remembered for her strength, her love for her family, and her strong Christian faith. She was a wonderful mother, grandma, grandmommy, and Gigi.

The family wishes to thank those who visited her at WakeMed/Cary, Hillcrest/Durham, and Transitions/Raleigh.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering at Good Hope Baptist Church[<https://goodhopechurch.churchcenter.com/giving>], 6628 Good Hope Church Road, Cary, NC 27519.

Cemetery Details

Good Hope Baptist Church Cemetery

6628 Good Hope Church Rd
Cary, NC 27519

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Good Hope Baptist Church Chapel
6628 Good Hope Church Road
Cary, NC 27519

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear family...so many memories of being fortunate enough to have lived in our small community of Carpenter. Your mother always sent the sweetest cards, had the prettiest decorated Christmas trees, and her delicious cakes. Her friendship with my mother will always be a warm memory for me. Love you all and keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Rosemarie Stanley

Rosemarie Stanley - December 05, 2025 at 07:20 PM

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“ Betty was a good friend to my Mother and all my siblings. I have known her all my life. I will miss her especially at Thanksgiving and Christmas with her and her family. Rest in peace sweet friend. Love you and your family.

Lela - December 03, 2025 at 07:50 PM