



## Betty Allums Burtram

November 5, 1949 - January 26, 2025

Betty Allums Burtram, 75, of Bagley, passed away on January 26, 2025, surrounded by her family. She was born November 5, 1949. She was preceded in death by her parents, J.D. and Lucy Allums.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Benny Burtram; daughter Shanna (Billy) Cencula; son Benjamin Burtram and girlfriend, Maria Alvarez, “bonus” daughter Ava (Joshua) Leone; granddaughters Anna Claire and Caroline Cencula; “bonus” grandchildren, Naya and Xavier Leone-Gillum; sisters Carol Williams and Marsha (Bucky) Kinsaul; “third sister” Ann (Terry) Coleman; sister-in-law Joyce (Doug) Carlisle, brothers-in-law Jack (Ruth) Burtram, Ronald (Sandra) Burtram, and Rene (Linda) Williams; beloved nieces and nephews whom she cherished as daughters and sons.

After graduating from Corner High School in 1968, Betty attended the University of Alabama, receiving her degree in 1972. During her college years she became a member of Delta Gamma sorority and participated in numerous college organizations. She received her master’s degree in education from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Betty spent her adult life in education, working as a teacher in Jefferson County for over 30 years. She began her teaching career at Bagley Jr. High School, and later taught at Corner High School from 1980 to 2008. During this time she taught physical education, history, and government and economics. The highlight of her teaching career was implementing the “We the People” competition program, challenging students to become more educated about

the US Constitution and Bill of Rights. Her competition teams participated in local, state, and national events, including multiple trips to compete in Washington, D.C.

During her teaching career she also held the following roles: track coach, cheerleading, yearbook, and senior sponsor; in addition to serving on numerous school committees. She was a member of the Corner Alumni Association, at one time serving as president.

Spending time with her family was her greatest joy. Gatherings at her pool were particularly enjoyable for her family and friends. Her home was always welcoming. July 4th parties Betty and Benny hosted were the highlight of the year.

Traveling with family and friends was a particular pleasure. Numerous trips to Disney World, New York, and several European countries created many wonderful memories.

Betty was an avid Alabama football fan, including being a Tide Pride member. She attended games at Bryant-Denny stadium as well as multiple SEC games. The national championship game she attended in California gave special meaning to "Remember the Rose Bowl".

A memorial service will be held Friday, January 31, 2025, at 2:00 pm in the New Horizon chapel. Visitation prior to the service will begin at 12:30. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be sent to Center for Civic Education, <https://civiced.kindful.com>

New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home 205-648-2323

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 12:30 PM (CT)

New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home  
5203 Hollis Goodwin Road  
Dora, AL 35062  
(205) 648-2323

## Memorial Service

JAN 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Tracy Priddy lit a candle in memory of Betty Burtram



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Tracy Priddy - February 01, 2025 at 01:36 PM



“ Betty was a gifted teacher, inspiring co-worker and a caring friend. I am so blessed to have known her during my years at Corner High School. May God comfort and strengthen you during this time.  
Janet Ezekiel

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Janet Ezekiel - January 31, 2025 at 10:41 PM



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

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January 31, 2025 at 01:40 PM

SL

“ Oh how I loved Mrs B. She was always so graceful and Beautiful.....the older she got, the more beautiful she got. She was a fabulous teacher, always fair. Touched so many lives in our little community. She is loved and appreciated, and always will be. Her legacy will live on for a long long time!!! Love you Mrs B! Fly high!! I will keep the rest of the family in my prayers, the upcoming days, months and years will be tough.but she has taught you all how to be strong. Class of 92  
Samantha Leslie



Samantha Leslie - January 31, 2025 at 12:19 PM

R&

“ Robert &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Allums Burtram.

Robert &. - January 31, 2025 at 11:00 AM

WF

“ William and Jayna Hall and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Betty Allums Burtram.



William and Jayna Hall and family - January 31, 2025 at 08:25 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Betty Allums Burtram.*



January 30, 2025 at 03:01 PM



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

January 30, 2025 at 03:01 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Allums Burtram.*



January 29, 2025 at 08:34 PM



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

January 29, 2025 at 08:34 PM



“ *Adam P. purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Betty Allums Burtram.*



**Adam P.** - January 29, 2025 at 03:41 PM

JN

“ I helped Betty for many years as a coach for her "We the People" teams. The job she did in preparing those kids for district, state, and national competitions was incredible. Those kids were well versed in the niceties of the Constitution, its history, its fine points. Something we are in increasing need of today. The Corner community was lucky to have her, and I was lucky to share a small portion of her professional life. Vaya con Dios, Betty.

Jeff Northrup - January 29, 2025 at 01:11 PM

DN

“ Betty was a very special person. Enjoyed our time at Corner. Benny, you are in our prayers. Dianne Thomas Nichols

Dianne Thomas Nichols - January 29, 2025 at 09:37 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Betty Allums Burtram.



January 28, 2025 at 09:25 PM



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

January 28, 2025 at 09:25 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Allums Burtram.



January 28, 2025 at 05:37 PM



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

January 28, 2025 at 05:37 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Allums Burtram.



January 28, 2025 at 05:14 PM



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

January 28, 2025 at 05:14 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Allums Burtram.



January 28, 2025 at 01:48 PM

CF

“ CFAST purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Betty Allums Burtram.



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CFAST - January 28, 2025 at 12:33 PM

CF

“ CFAST planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Allums Burtram.

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CFAST - January 28, 2025 at 12:33 PM

DE

“ Benny, I am so sorry to learn that betty has passed away! Memories my friend!

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dennis[mickey]roberts - January 28, 2025 at 11:36 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Allums Burtram.



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January 28, 2025 at 10:22 AM



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

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January 28, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Allums Burtram.*



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January 28, 2025 at 10:00 AM



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

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January 28, 2025 at 01:41 AM

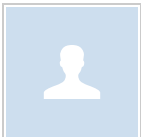


“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Allums Burtram.*



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January 27, 2025 at 04:52 PM



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KH

“ *Mrs Burtram was my government/economics teacher at Corner HS. She cared about all of her students, present and past. I'd like to think it was her caring that led me down the path of education for a career. For members of the Class of '89, we probably can all recall her disdain for Watermelon Bubbalicious!! RIP Mrs B!!*

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**Kevin Hardiman** - January 27, 2025 at 04:36 PM

JD

“ *Betty was a great teacher she cared about all her students she helped Haley get through High School I will always be grateful to her!*

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**Judy Davis** - January 27, 2025 at 04:01 PM