



## Betty Ellen Thurston

December 31, 1947 - June 8, 2024

Betty Ellen Thurston, age 76, of Dora passed away June 8, 2024. A funeral service will be held at 2pm Wednesday, June 12, 2024, in the chapel of New Horizon Funeral Home. Burial will follow in New Canaan Cemetery in Empire. The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 6 until 8 pm at the funeral home. Betty was preceded in death by her parents Fletcher Swindle and Ernestine McCollough, two brothers Jerry Swindle, Kevin Swindle, her husband Bill Thurston and niece Jeri Kay Swindle.

She is survived by her son Karey (Renee) Norris, daughter Candy (Brian) Blackmon, grandchildren Dylan (Lovie) Blackmon, Bailey (Austin) Boyd, Cooper Norris, sister Terri Elliott, special friend Perry Pendley and a host of other family and friends.,

Betty was a member of the Eastern Wranglers Square Dance group in Fultondale, she loved to travel with friends and family and especially loved her grandchildren.

New Horizon Funeral Home directing.

# Cemetery Details

## New Canaan Baptist

4140 Coon Creek Rd.  
Empire, AL 35063

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JUN 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ We have lived by Betty for years, she was always a good neighbor we will miss her.  
*Ken & Vanessa Ritch*

Ken Ritch - June 12, 2024 at 06:23 PM



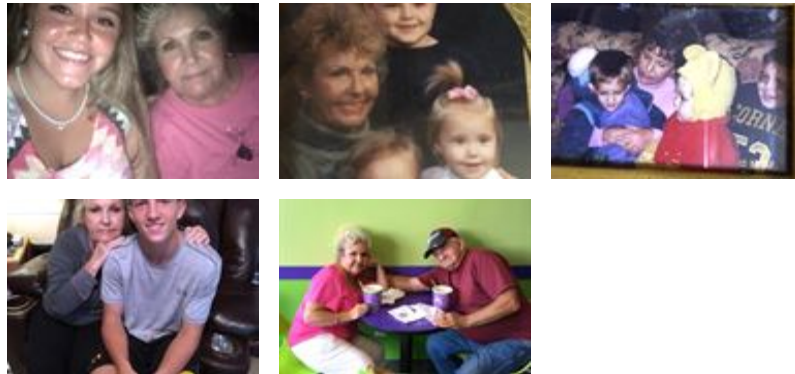
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Jerry and Pam Handley - June 11, 2024 at 05:31 PM



“ 136 files added to the album Life Tributes



New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home - June 11, 2024 at 11:35 AM

JG

*I knew Betty through Square Dancing. She and Perry were strong supporters and were always dressed to impress. Their outfits were coordinated down to boots. She was a special lady and will be missed. Prayers for her family and for Perry. 🙏🙏.*

**Judy Gsut** - June 13, 2024 at 08:41 AM

CG

*Betty was such a special lady!  
Prayers for family & Perry.  
Carol Griffith*

**Carol Griffith** - June 15, 2024 at 06:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Ellen Thurston.*



June 09, 2024 at 10:28 AM

JH

“ *To Betty's Family . We loved Betty so much and had many adventures together. She was full of life and loved people and Square Dancing. I was blessed she was my best friend. Jerry and I will miss you so much. Jerry and Pam Handley.*



**Jerry and Pam Handley** - June 08, 2024 at 09:21 PM

PP

“ I met Betty at Fultondale Seniors Center. Jan, 2019.  
She was Line Dancing.  
She Caught my Eye, I join in trying to copy Her. That Lady could move. Anyway, I continue to try to follow Her.  
Betty told Me that I was Pretty good. She asked Me if I had ever Square Dance?  
I told Her No. Betty told Me to come Jan 21,2019 to BSDA FRIENDSHIP HALL.  
So I showed up and was asked by President Don Bailey if I had a Partner.  
I stated No. He said He would find Me one. Before Mr. Bailey could find Me one.  
Here came Betty saying  
He's got one. Her.  
She was my Angel that help beginners to help them learn. Well after 5 plus years. Betty became more to Me. MY ANGEL in my Life.  
She is My Earth Angel.  
MybLife is going to be Very Empty now. My Earth Angel Is Now A Heavenly Angel  
Forever in My Heart.  
Perry Pendley. Special Friend. 🥰🥰



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**Perry Pendley** - June 08, 2024 at 06:25 PM