



# **Mrs. Betty Merchant Nix**

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**F**uneral Service for Mrs. Betty Nix, 97, of Alexander City, Alabama, will be Friday, December 19, 2025, at 11:00 am at the First Baptist Church Alexander City. Dr. Skip Lowery will officiate. Burial will follow in the Shelby Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends on Friday, December 19, 2025, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at First Baptist Church Alexander City.

Mrs. Betty Merchant Nix, affectionately known as Betty to her friends and family, peacefully passed away on December 9, 2025, at the age of 97. Born on July 17, 1928, to Murray Merchant and Ozella Armstrong Merchant. Betty's life was a testament to her generous spirit, sharp intellect, and unwavering faith. Her warmth and kindness left an indelible mark on everyone she met.

A proud graduate of Ensley High School in 1945, Betty's journey continued as she married the love of her life, James Leon Nix, in 1948. The couple initially settled in Birmingham, Alabama, but soon moved to Wilton, Alabama. Eventually, they made their home in Montevallo, Alabama, where they spent the most cherished years of their lives together. After the challenges of Covid in 2020, Betty spent most of her remaining years in Alexander City, Alabama, surrounded by the love and care of her family.

Betty's talents in the kitchen were legendary, known far and wide for her delectable peanut brittle and homemade rolls. Her culinary skills brought joy to countless family gatherings and community events. Beyond her cooking, Betty was an avid crocheter, creating numerous afghans with love and care, each stitch a testament to her dedication to her craft. These handmade gifts were treasured by those fortunate enough to receive them.

Betty's Christian faith was the cornerstone of her life, guiding her actions and providing comfort through life's trials and tribulations. She lived her faith through her generosity and service, always willing to lend a hand or offer a kind word.



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Betty was the beloved matriarch of a large and loving family. She is survived by her sons, Thomas (Teresa) Nix of Fulton, MS, Mike (Alice) Nix of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Jim (Karen) Nix of Pearl, MS, daughter, Nancy (Bud) Lilly of Alexander City, Alabama, and son, Sam (Gina) Nix of Montgomery, Alabama Her legacy continues through her grandchildren Heather (Lionel) McCormick, Richard (Tyler) Nix, Daniel Lilly, Chris (Jennifer) Nix, David (Anisha) Nix, Jackson (Ali) Lilly, Steven (Virginia) Nix, Samantha (Ryan) Smith, and Rachel (Dustin) Ratliff.

She was preceded in death by her father, Murray Merchant, mother, Ozella Merchant, beloved husband, Leon Nix, grandsons Adam Thomas Nix and Philip Austin Nix, and great-grandson Jackson James Lilly.

Mrs. Betty Merchant Nix lived a life filled with love, laughter, and the joy of giving. Her memory will be cherished and kept alive in the hearts of her family and all who knew her. Her presence will be deeply missed, yet the impact of her life will continue to be felt by the many lives she touched. Betty's journey on earth has ended, but her story will be told for generations to come, a tale of a woman whose strength, love, and faith were as enduring as the afghans she so lovingly crafted.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief, Children's Harbor, First Baptist Church of Alexander City, or Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoeboxes.

Radney Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Betty Merchant Nix.



# Events

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## Visitation

- Friday**, December 19, 2025
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- First Baptist Church Alexander City**  
64 Court Square, Alexander City AL 35011



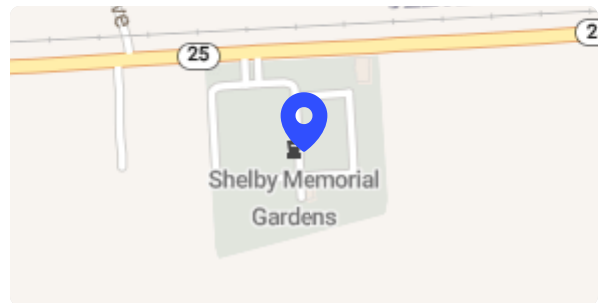
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## Graveside Service

- Friday**, December 19, 2025
- 3:00 PM CT
- Shelby Memory Gardens**  
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# Tribute Wall

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**Sarah Petrey** lit a candle in honor of Betty.

I am so glad that I was able to spend time with Betty. I think the one thing that stood out was her enthusiasm for life. She enjoyed even the smallest things. I want to extend my sincere condolences to all Betty's family. She will be missed by many.



December 11 at 10:42 PM



**Emily Carr** posted:

Betty Nix was the mother of my brother-in-law Mike Nix. From the first time I met her about 50 years ago, she treated me and my family like part of hers. She loved to walk, play table games and host family gatherings. Yes, there were never any leftover homemade rolls! She was very active in her community. We will always remember her lovingly.

December 10 at 11:30 AM



**Cheryl Brister** lit a candle in honor of Betty.

I work for Jim Nix. I loved when Mrs. Nix would visit with Jim and Karen and would come to the office. She was a special lady and my mother and I will always treasure the afghans she made for us. Cheryl Brister



December 10 at 11:25 AM



**Sherra Claunch** lit a candle in honor of Betty.

What a wonderful Saint of God Betty was. I had the special opportunity to be her Sunday School teacher at First Bapt. for a while, and what a ray of sunshine she was. She smiled all the time and was always so agreeable and kind. Her personality radiated the Lord Jesus Christ. To know her was to love her. I am praying for all of her loved ones. What a tremendous role model you had in Betty. I know you will miss her so much. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints." She is singing with the angels now and walking those streets of gold.



December 9 at 6:33 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Betty by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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