



## Mrs. Betty Kirk

October 9, 1941 - April 30, 2022

Dryden, VA

Betty Bernice Peters Kirk, 80, of Dryden, VA., went to her heavenly home Saturday, April 30, 2022 in Kingsport, TN. She was born October 9, 1941 to the late John Wilk Peters, Jr. and Bertha Crawford Spears.

Betty was a graduate of Dryden Combined School, Dryden, VA the Class of 1960. She later worked at the school where she retired with over thirty years. She was a big contributor to a lot of activities, props, sewing & for the functions of the school, and student support. The students at Dryden were her priority. Betty cherished her family and her school family. Betty always had a smile and was concerned that everyone was loved and cared for.

Along with her parents, Betty is preceded in death by her husband Vincent "Ben" Kirk, and her sister, Teresa "Terry" Wisenokis.

Surviving are her daughters, Ann Kirk Willis of Kingsport, TN, and Vicki Kirk Shoemaker (Jimmy) of Dryden, VA; grandchildren, Jonathan David Willis (Michelle English), Christopher Matthew Newman (Heather), Amanda Elaine Newman, and Kevin Cooper; Great-grandchildren, Madison Riley Crusenberry, Logan Thacker, Christopher Maxwell Newman, Gabriel Matthew Newman, and Clifton Willis; sisters, Diane Talbolt (James) of Big Stone Gap, VA, and Pam Stidham (Dan) of Big Stone Gap, VA; brothers, Jeff Peters (Anita) of Cleveland, OH, and Mark Peters (Kim) of Cleveland, OH; several nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

Visitation will be Tuesday, May 3, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Holding Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap, VA. Funeral Services will be at 6:00 p.m. with Pastor David Parsons officiating. Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at Powell Valley Cemetery in Dryden, VA. Family and friends are asked to meet at the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. to go in procession to the cemetery.

An online register is available for the family at [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com)  
Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Betty Kirk.

# Cemetery Details

## Powell Valley Cemetery

Dryden Loop  
Dryden, VA 24243

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 3.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.  
17 E. 3rd St., N.  
P. O. Drawer H  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
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## Service

**MAY 3.** 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Procession

MAY 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

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## Committal Service

MAY 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Powell Valley Cemetery  
Dryden Loop  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Betty Kirk*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Im so sorry . Please know that my prayers are with the family during this very sad time.*

*Deepest Sympathies,*

*Betty Hines Crusenberry*



**Betty Crusenberry** - May 09, 2022 at 09:04 PM



“ *Betty was my surrogate Aunt, and a cherished friend who will always occupy a place in my heart. Until we meet again Aunt Betty....*

**Tony Woods** - May 03, 2022 at 05:44 PM



“ *Aubrey Stapleton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Kirk*



**Aubrey Stapleton** - May 03, 2022 at 04:23 PM

KT

“ I loved Mrs. Kirk, she was always cheerful, and helpful..I graduated with her daughter Vickie, my thoughts and prayers go out to all the family.. MAY GOD BLESS EACH ADN EVERY ONE OF YOU

KAREN GILLENWATER, TATE - May 03, 2022 at 02:02 PM



“ Sharon Musick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Kirk



Sharon Musick - May 03, 2022 at 01:07 PM



Betty was such a kind a caring person she loved everyone and made all the children at Dryden School feel special and even after she retired the kids reached out to her remembering her love and generosity. She was more like family to everyone in the Baltimore family. Anna was always there for Betty and showed her just how special she was to so many. She4 will be missed by many.

Sharon Musick - May 03, 2022 at 01:13 PM

SE

“ remember this beautiful lady and her beautiful smile

shirley jean evans - May 03, 2022 at 11:51 AM

JM

“ I worked many years with Mrs. Kirk. She was a blessing. Lot of great stories.  
My sympathy and prayers for Vickie and the family. Deuteronomy 31:8.  
Jim Myers  
Special Education-Dryden Elementary 1987-2015

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**Jim Myers** - May 02, 2022 at 10:47 PM

CL

“ I don't know where to start! Ms.Betty was the only reason my youngest son went to school. If he got upset she let him stay in the office with her. She always told me that Anna and me were sisters cause we were so alike!!! I loved this woman (Mommie) and I am heart broken that she is gone but our loss is Heaven's Gain and she is walking with Jesus for sure. Prayers, hugs, and lots of love to Anna and Vicki and the rest of her family.

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**Cheryl Light** - May 02, 2022 at 08:50 PM

DC

“ Vickie and family so sorry for your loss. Betty was such a sweet lady she will be missed by all that knew her. Prayers for comfort during this difficult time.

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**Donna Cridlin** - May 02, 2022 at 07:43 PM

BC

“ I am so very sorry! Praying for you as you walk through these next days and the days to come. May God wrap you in the comfort of His love!

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**Bill and Kim Cress** - May 02, 2022 at 06:47 PM

LW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. Betty was a precious soul whose kindness and love will live on in the memories of all who have been blessed to have known her.

Lois Wade Porter & Mark Wade - May 02, 2022 at 03:13 PM

BR

“ Vickie so sorry to hear the loss of your Mother!! Always remember her as laughing and cutting up !! She was such a sweet and good person!! Our prayers are with you and the family! 🙏

Betty Reynolds - May 02, 2022 at 10:57 AM

RT

“ Our deepest sympathy to Betty's beloved family. She was kind, generous and friendly each time we met. She had a great sense of humor and such a wonderful laugh! May God comfort you all with His peace.

Ram and Cindie Tankersley - May 02, 2022 at 10:48 AM

MO

“ We had the privilege of knowing Betty for many years. She was one of the sweetest persons i knew. So caring. She will be remembered with great pleasure. We are sorry for your loss. Love and prayers.

molly. - May 02, 2022 at 08:46 AM

TC

“ Vicki and Family...I am so sorry for the loss of your sweet Mother,I loved to hear her sing and she always had a smile on her face.Sending you all love and prayers now and in the days ahead.  
Teresa (Rhoten) Coffman

Teresa Coffman - May 01, 2022 at 10:09 PM

DL

“ Anna & family...we are so sorry to hear of Betty's passing...what a fine lady she was & will be sorely missed. 😞...our deepest sympathy to each of you.  
Darlene and Jerry Light

Darlene and Jerry Light - May 01, 2022 at 09:07 PM

AS

“ Anna & Vicki, I am so sorry for your loss. Betty will always have a special place in my heart, I never saw her but what we weren't talking & laughing. She had such a beautiful light in her and touched so many people she will be missed, but know she was loved by many too.

Ava Shuler - May 01, 2022 at 06:12 PM

LK

“ Lora Kelly lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Kirk



Lora Kelly - May 01, 2022 at 03:39 PM

FM

“ Fred & Judy Marion lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Kirk



Fred & Judy Marion - May 01, 2022 at 03:38 PM

GS

“ My heart is broken into a million pieces. Betty and I had stayed in contact with each other since I graduated in 1987. She was a wonderful lady who loved her family and school children with every fiber in her. She was like a mother to me and loved me as her own. I will miss her terrible but I know her and Ben are rejoicing being together again. I have precious memories with her that I will never forget. REST IN PEACE Betty. I will miss you and our chats and visits.

Glenda Stidham - May 01, 2022 at 01:31 PM

SH

One of the nicest lady I knew she had a hard of gold for all the school kids mine included Rest in peace dear lady .prayers for Anna And Vicky and family

shirleybyington - May 01, 2022 at 03:27 PM

AB

“ My heart is broken! Betty was such a joy and never failed to brighten others' lives. Never will I forget her infectious laugh! Rest In peace dear friend. ❤️ Andrea Bull

Andrea Bull - May 01, 2022 at 12:46 PM

DH

“ I have no clue where to even start .... This lady treated me like her own child all the way through my high school years, she always made sure I didn't need anything, she will missed by everyone especially by me I was waiting till all the covid was over to go and spend another day with her, loosing her was like loosing a second mom , she held a special place in my heart , loved her

Dorothy hall - May 01, 2022 at 11:28 AM

DF

*David and I are so sad to that Betty has gone home. She was a wonderful friend to us , and we have wonderful memories of our years together. Praying for God's Blessings on her family*

David and Teresa Fannon - May 01, 2022 at 01:05 PM

BC

*“ I had the pleasure and privilege of working with Betty at Dryden School, where I was a teacher. Betty proudly served the faculty, students, and parents as our school secretary during my tenure. She always had an inviting and contagious smile on her face. She and I became close friends, and I thought of her as my bonus mother, as we can't have too many people in our lives to love us. She always took time to ask about my family. She loved my daughter, and even drove to Kingsport to help me with a school project she had. In later years, Betty got to know my grandkids and loved them as well. I commuted to and from Kingsport to school for years. I remember my car breaking down, and I had to leave it overnight for repair. Betty had a new Cherokee jeep and insisted I drive it home, instead of calling someone to come get me. Betty was a rare gem. She was kind, loving, and generous. She had exemplary character. I'll always treasure and cherish all the memories she and I shared over the 38 yrs of friendship we shared. Heaven has truly gained an ANGEL. AnnaMaria, Vicky, and family you are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray the Lord sees you through this difficult time.*

Benita Collins - May 01, 2022 at 08:54 AM

FR

*“ Mrs Kirk was the kindest and sweetest person I've ever known. She was a sweetheart. This breaks my heart to hear. Prayers and peace to all the family💔*

Frank Rogers - May 01, 2022 at 07:24 AM

RM

“ Mrs. Kirk was one of my favorite teachers in elementary school. She always remembered her students thru the years , cause she always said hello to us when she seen us out in places. Prayers for peace and comfort to her entire family and friends. R.I.P Mrs. Kirk you will be greatly missed



Rebecca Maggard - May 01, 2022 at 06:37 AM

SM

“ Thoughts and Prayers Anna 🙏.



Susan A Martin - May 01, 2022 at 03:49 AM

LT

“ One of the sweetest ladies you would ever meet. Always so kind to everyone.

Linda Thomas - May 01, 2022 at 03:04 AM

TR

“ I will always remember Betty from school and will always love her for always making me feel loved. I'm so sorry for your lose Anna and Vicky. Prayers for comfort.

Tammy Roberts - April 30, 2022 at 10:17 PM

GO

Sorry for your loss . Betty was fun to work with.

Gaynell Oliver - April 30, 2022 at 11:31 PM

RM

“ *She was such a beautiful soul. I enjoyed her so much during my school years . So sorry Anna, Vicky and your family. Prayers for peace and comfort today and the days to follow. Rosa*

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**Rosa Maggard** - April 30, 2022 at 08:13 PM