



## Betty Jean Noward-Smith

March 17, 1924 - March 29, 2016

Betty Jean Noward-Smith, 92, of Toledo was called home to be with her Lord on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 with many of her loving family by her side. She was born on March 17, 1924 in Ithaca, Michigan to Clark & Rhea Thomas. After living most of her childhood in Haskins, Ohio, the family moved to Lynchburg, Virginia; where she graduated from high school. On April 19, 1945 she married Harold Milton Noward in Bowling Green, Ohio. From 1944 to 1952 she worked at the Rossford Ordinance Department. For the next 15 years she taught the Good News Club and also became the Sunday School director for the primary department at Emmanuel Baptist Church until 1975. In 1968 she came to be the secretary for Emmanuel Baptist Christian School for 21 years where she retired in 1989. Betty was a very active member of Emmanuel Baptist Church for 69 years.

Betty's love and compassion for everyone was evident in everything she did throughout her life, from her mentoring young women to teaching children in the church, displaying for all her love of God. She had a keen wit, ready laugh, and loved spending time with her family playing games. She was an avid sports fan and enjoyed going to sporting events and watching them at home with her husband.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Harold; her parents (Clark Thomas & Rhea Thomas, whom she took care of until her death in

2002) and two brothers, William and Jerry Thomas. She is survived by her daughter, Beth Ann (Roger) McCarty; grandchildren: Christopher (Krista), Michael (Rachel), Shaun (Julie), Nicole, and Joshua; and 7 great-grandchildren: Noah, Olivia, Luke, Cooper, Lucey, Brooklyn, and Piper.

In 2010 she married Ronald R. Smith who survives her along with his children, Gary (Dec)(Brenda) Smith, Sandra (Douglas) Leopold, Charles (Darcy) Smith; 7 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Friends are invited to visit from 4:00pm to 7:00pm Thursday at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue. A celebration of Betty's life will be held 11:00am Friday at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 4207 Laskey Road, Toledo. Memorial contributions may be made to the Emmanuel Christian School Scholarship Fund in lieu of flowers. Condolences for Betty's family may be expressed online at [www.ansberg-west.com](http://www.ansberg-west.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Jean Noward-Smith*

April 05, 2016 at 12:13 AM



“ *We are saddened to hear of your loss. Your wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, was a wonderful person who brought life to the room with her warm smile and infectious laugh. Betty will be missed by many.*

*The family of Eldon & Marvel Wagner have many fond memories of times spent together as cousins in Waterville and with the extended families at get-to-gathers. Our love is extended to the family as you travel this road of sorrow and joy together. Blessings to you all.*

*Marvel Wagner*

*Richard & (Yvonne) Tripp & families*

*David & (Donna) Smith & families*

*Verle & (Marie) Short & families*

*(Catherine) Krapp & families*

Marvel Wagner (Eldon Wagner) - March 31, 2016 at 04:17 PM



“ *Your Mom had a beautiful smile that always brought joy to our family. She will be missed however she is in heaven with many that she loved. Bless you all in your grief and may God wrap his arms around you and give you all peace. Elaine Misenhelder Flegel*

Elaine Flegel - March 30, 2016 at 10:18 PM

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“ *When we first started attending Emmanuel, Betty greeted us and made us feel welcome. Through the years, we came to appreciate Betty as parents of ECS students, as a faculty member and as a friend.*

*Surely she is rejoicing in the presence of her Savior. Beth, Ron and family, our prayers are with you.*

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**Alan and Martha Kunz** - March 30, 2016 at 06:26 PM

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“ *What a dear lady and sweet servant! She loved God and the church and will be dearly missed.*

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**Karin Benefiel** - March 30, 2016 at 04:54 PM