



# **Mrs. Bette Jean Rowe**

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### **B**ETTE JEAN ALZEDA ARF ROWE Madison, TN

Bette J. Rowe, age 95, died at home as she desired on Saturday, July 23, 2016 at Windlands East Retirement Home, Madison, TN

Born September 12, 1920 in Joplin, MO, her family later moved to Nashville, TN. She considered herself a native Tennessean. Graduate of East Nashville High School 1937. Bette started a career with General Shoe or Genesco in 1939. She was a data processing supervisor in the Retail Division and converted the company's systems to the first early computers. Retired in 1984 after 45 years of service.

Bette married her high school sweetheart Howard Young Rowe in 1942 before he left for the European Theater in WW2. They were married 49 years. Bette and Howard traveled extensively, enjoyed entertaining and were members of the Nashville City Club. Bette was former President of the Woman's Club of Nashville. Attended Cleveland Street Presbyterian Church where she established lifelong friends and met her future husband. She was a member of Luton United Methodist Church.

Bette was an avid reader and imaginative playwright, directing numerous productions for her church and retirement home. Bette left a legacy of service and joy evidenced in her beautiful smile and positive attitude. She believed she had led a blessed life and had gotten to do everything she wanted. GREATLY missed by those who knew her well.

Preceded in death by husband, Howard Y. Rowe and brother-in-law Richard Luton Rowe.

Survived by nephew Richard Luton Rowe Jr. (Rick) and wife Donna and grandnephew Jordon and grandniece Eden Rowe of Goodlettsville, TN. Niece Dawn Rowe Porter and husband Richard and grandnephews Garrison & Christian and grandniece Leighton Porter of Knoxville, TN. Also survived by sister-in-law Evelyn Rowe of Hendersonville, TN. Nieces Dottie Sims and Marilyn Wilson of Smyrna, TN. Extended family member Ann Luton Locke of Nashville, TN.

Memorial service 12:00PM, Wednesday, July 27, 2016 Spring Hill Funeral Home. Visitation 10:00 AM -12:00 PM.



# Events

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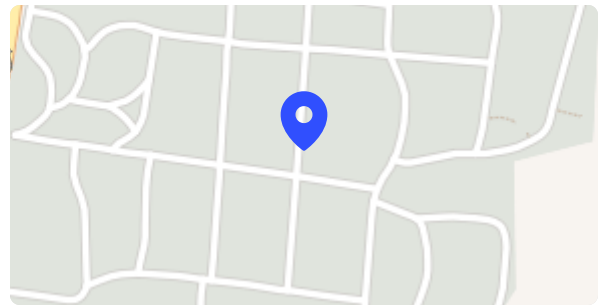
## Visitation

- Wednesday**, July 27, 2016
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT
- Spring Hill Funeral Home**  
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



## Celebration Of Life Funeral Ceremony

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## Tribute Wall

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DC

**Dawn, Richard, Garrison, Leighton & Christian.** sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Rowe family.

July 26 at 4:04 AM



IY

**Iva, Eva, And Yvonne** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Rowe family.

July 26 at 3:14 AM



ET

**Ellen Taylor** posted:

I knew Bettejean at the Woman's Club of Nashville where she was a past president. She also wrote and presented the club history at New Member orientations. Her husband Howard's parents were in my family's church at Eastminster Presbyterian. She was a beautiful gracious person and we all loved her very much.

July 25 at 4:02 AM

ET

**Ellen Taylor** shared an album called **New Album Name.**

July 25 at 3:54 AM



JB

**Joyce Bush** lit a candle in honor of BetteJean.

Mrs. Rowe will certainly be greatly missed here at Windlands East. She was a dear friend to me helping me to adjust to my new home when my husband and I moved here for which I'll always be grateful. I enjoyed having lunch with her quite often. May the peace which surpasses all understanding be with the family now and in the days to come.

July 24 at 5:33 PM





Ellen Taylor shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

July 25 at 3:54 AM



**Genevieve Lish, Lois Harper, Susan Shumaker, and Bettejean Rowe at the Woman's Club.**



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

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



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