



Marietta Ooley Bennett

March 24, 1931 - June 8, 2016

Marietta Bennett, 85, of Bloomington, Indiana, passed on to the ultimate glory of her heavenly home on June 8, 2016 surrounded by her loving family.

Marietta was born March 24, 1931, in Bloomington, IN. She was the fifth child of eight to John Stephenson Ooley and Grace Sears Ooley: preceded by Austin (Louise) Ooley, Jane Ooley (Ora) Floyd, Marta Ooley (Carl) Davis, Wilma Ooley (Ernie) Bell, and followed by Donald (Dorothy) Ooley, Harold (Shelba) Ooley, and Irene Ooley (Henry Bud) Baugh.

She grew up in Bloomington, graduated from University High School, and immediately went to work at Sarkes Tarzian. She soon met the love of her life; William Jackson Bennett. Married August 5, 1949, they enjoyed a fruitful marriage blessed with two wonderful daughters; Debra and Julie.

Once her children were in grade school, Marietta persued a professional hair stylist license and became an entrepreneur. Marietta's Beauty Shop was a successful business for over 20 years due to the tenacious generosity she showed to her loyal customers. She also invited many aspiring beauticians to develop their skills in her shop, and at one point she included a boutique featuring fashions and accessories of Billie Mitchell's Kirkwood Ave clothing store.

Marietta and Bill were lifetime members of Fairview United Methodist Church, where they were married, and Marietta served and cared for the children in Junior Church and Bible School. They volunteered for many years at the 10th Street Stadium's Fourth of July Fireworks, running popcorn and soda pop

stands, as longtime members of the American Legion. Marietta was also a devoted member of Alpha Delta Omega Sorority, where she enjoyed planning dances and membership drives. In their leisure, Marietta and Bill enjoyed ballroom dancing, supporting IU Football as season ticket holders (including the '68 journey to the Rose Bowl), and traveling throughout the United States. Together, Marietta and Bill were always willing to devote time and resources to family members by opening their hearts and home to those in need. A strong, independent, and generous woman, Marietta was Bill's caregiver during his Alzheimer's journey. She

used her creative energies sewing and crocheting, was an avid crossword puzzle enthusiast, loved watching movies, and in her later years enjoyed playing with her iPhone. But most of all she loved spending time with family, and hearing of their adventures.

Many wonderful memories were made with this incredibly strong wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend. She truly will be missed, and her legacy will live on.

Marietta is survived by her daughters: Debra Sue (Al) Cade of Montgomery TX; Julie Bennett Dreesen, Marietta's Caregiver, of Bloomington IN; grandchildren: Crystal Grubb (Bil) Willis and Laura Ashley Grubb (Michael Gerhard) of Montgomery TX; Jack Cornell Dreesen of Bloomington IN; James Robert Dreesen Jr (Kerri) of Eden Prairie MN; great-grandchild: Sophie Adele Willis of Montgomery TX. She is also survived by, sisters Wilma Ooley Bell and Irene Ooley Baugh, brother Harold Ooley, as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family would like to thank all friends, family, and Premiere Hospice staff for their support. The kindness, help and guidance to comfort Marietta the last few years was a testament to the love she shared in her life.

Please come join her family on Monday, June 13, 2016 for the 11:00 am service at the Allen Funeral Home & Crematory 4155 S. Old St Rd 37. The family will receive friends from 10:00 am until service time. The procession to Valhalla Memory Gardens will follow the service, where she will be entombed

beside her beloved husband. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to: Fairview United Methodist Church. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ Grandson Jackson spoke the final words of the service for Marietta, he mentioned her love of coffee and invited all to share a cup, down the street at Starbucks, he also invited all to take and enjoy the yellow roses from the casket spray, yellow because that's what daddy gave momma at their wedding, and he shared her love of watching the birds at the feeders, inviting all to take a feeder from the basket we brought, and enjoy the birds in remembrance of Marietta ;)

Julie Bennett - June 15, 2016 at 08:51 AM

BL

“ Breda Lane lit a candle in memory of Marietta Ooley Bennett



Breda Lane - June 13, 2016 at 04:50 PM

BL

Thinking of you today, Julie. I hope you were able to find some comfort with all the tributes and visitors you had today. I'm sure your memories of her will give you comfort in the coming weeks and months. Talk to you soon. Breda

Breda Lane - June 13, 2016 at 04:58 PM

GK

“ Dear Julie, Debbie & Extended Family members: - May God bless you all and keep you in His loving care always and may each new day bring added peace and comfort your way. - Gary & Debbie Kean/family

Gary Kean - June 12, 2016 at 09:55 PM

DW

“ Dear Julie, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family in the passing of Marietta. I have many happy memories of times spent at your house when we were young. Please know you will be in our thoughts and prayers. You were the best daughter ever and should feel very proud for the caring life you gave to your mom.
Debbie Wiley - 8 hours ago

Debbie Wiley - June 10, 2016 at 04:19 PM

HP

“ As a little girl I spent many weeks in the summer visiting. She done my hair f or many years every Friday morning . After Uncle Bill died I took her and my mother (Marta) out to lunch and shopping . I will treasure all my memories . Wish I had been able to see her the last couple of years . Love

Harriet Pauley - June 10, 2016 at 12:19 PM

LS

“ Dear Julie, Jack, and James,
We were sorry to hear of your mother/grandmother's passing. Our thoughts are with you.

Linda Scott - June 10, 2016 at 06:17 AM

TA

“ We are so sorry to hear about our long time neighbor's passing. Marietta was my " hair dresser" for several years which was a short walk across the way. We send our condolences and prayers to Julie & Debbie and families. The Alexanders

The Alexanders - June 09, 2016 at 07:30 PM



“ *Lavender & White Standing Open Heart was purchased for the family of Marietta Ooley Bennett.*



June 09, 2016 at 03:41 PM



“ *We had a great childhood. I so much enjoyed the time at the woods, hearing our dad's war stories and such. Your mom was always so upbeat and energetic. I still remember the night we had a pajama party in the trailer and stayed up all night. Donuts!!!*

James Parham - June 09, 2016 at 03:17 PM



“ *Julie you are a living tribute to your loving mother. She was a wonderful loving woman and mother.*

Nancy Martin - June 09, 2016 at 01:24 PM



“ *I am Married to Debbie and only got to see her a few times, but she was always smiling. I could tell she loved her family. Her granddaughters loved her dearly and spoke her often. I wish she had got to spend more time with her great granddaughter Sophie. She would brought her a lot of joy.*

Al Cade - June 09, 2016 at 11:55 AM

JC

My sincere sympathy to the entire family. I remember going to her shop with my mom when I was a child and she was so nice to me. My mom always enjoyed going and getting her hair done but mostly visiting with Marietta. I know she will be missed by all.

Joni. Morrow Carter - June 09, 2016 at 05:26 PM

SS

Thinking of you all during this difficult time. We had a lot of great memories. Mark & Sheri Scaggs

sheri scaggs - June 10, 2016 at 07:11 PM

TP

“ Tara Woods Pierson lit a candle in memory of Marietta Ooley Bennett



Tara Woods Pierson - June 09, 2016 at 09:19 AM

TP

*Julie, Debbie & family,
I am at a loss for adequate words to express my sadness for you. I know heaven just received one of the most special angels. Julie, you are a reflection of your mom in the way you treat people with respect and empathy. Not to mention the way you make each person feel loved. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Tara Woods Pierson & Duane Hardwick

Tara Woods Pierson - June 09, 2016 at 09:22 AM

TB

Looking back through the years Aunt Marietta has been in my life my entire life. I remember spending the night at her house as a youngster and having so much fun playing with Debbie and Julie and getting my hair done in her home shop. As the years came on us I visited her in her home and spent time talking and laughing with her. I love you Auntie...save me a mansion in the sky next to yours...My heart also goes out to Debbie and Julie and the grandchildren. I love you all.

Terri Lynn Baugh-Languell - June 09, 2016 at 12:00 PM

HP

As a child I spent many summers visiting Aunt Marietta and Uncle Bill . As a young women she done my hair every Friday at 7:30 am . After she retired I took her and my mother out to eat and shop . Many great memories. LOVE

Harriet Pauley - June 09, 2016 at 09:27 PM

HP

As a child I spent many of weeks visiting . I had my hair done every Friday until she retired . After Uncle Bill died I took her and my mother out to eat and shopping (Ryan's Steakhouse) was their favorite. A lot of great memories.

Harriet Pauley - June 10, 2016 at 07:47 AM

DW

Dear Julie, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family in the passing of Marietta. I have many happy memories of times spent at your house when we were young. Please know you will be in our thoughts and prayers. You were the best daughter ever and should feel very proud for the caring life you gave to your mom.

Debbie Wiley - June 10, 2016 at 08:14 AM