



## Betty Jean Edwards

September 11, 1933 - May 15, 2022

Betty Jean Edwards, 88, of Bristol VA, died at home on May 15. She was born in Clinchco Virginia on September 11, 1933, to Mollie Ethel Anderson Mullins and Garland Fred Mullins.

Betty married the love of her life, Robert Grey Edwards (Bob), on February 8, 1953. They had four children, Jena, Rob, Mike and Missy born during Bob's Air Force career, as they moved through postings in Washington DC, Bermuda, Charleston SC and Maryland. She was a strong, loving and tough Mom while raising the three older children by herself as Bob was very often on trips with Military Air Transport.

She always encouraged and supported her children in their education and careers. Their love of reading and learning is because of her. She was an incredible cook and all of her children got that from her too.

Betty was a strong and steadfast Christian and an avid volunteer, working with Bob for Meals on Wheels and many other volunteer agencies. She made wonderful friends during her time with Meals on Wheels. Bob and Betty were devoted members of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church in Bristol for 25 years.

In addition to being the greatest Mom ever, she was an incredible grandma to her grandchildren Jessamyn, Joshua, Ariel, Seth and Hannah, and great grands, Irie, Oliver, Francesca, Ava and Molly.

Mrs. Edwards is survived by her husband Bob and one surviving brother, Larry Mullins as well as her children and grandchildren.

The funeral service will be conducted at 12, Noon, on Thursday, May 19, 2022 in Akard Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Scott Price officiating. Burial will be conducted at 2:00 P.M., Thursday

At Mountain National Home Cemetery in Johnson City, TN. The family will receive friends

from 11:00 – 12:00 P.M., Thursday prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites donations to the Isaiah 117 House in Bristol, P.O. Box 842, Elizabethton, TN 37644.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [akardfuneralhome.com](http://akardfuneralhome.com)

Akard Funeral Home, (423) 989-4800 is honored to be serving the Edwards family.

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain Home National Cemetery

Mountain Home, TN

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

MAY 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Akard Funeral Home  
1912 West State Street  
Bristol, TN 37620  
akardfh@akardfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.akardfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAY 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

Akard Funeral Home  
1912 West State Street  
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## Burial

MAY 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Akard Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Jean Edwards



Akard Funeral Home - May 18 at 02:52 PM



“ 54 files added to the album LifeTributes



Akard Funeral Home - May 18 at 02:45 PM

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“ Dear Bob,

*I am so sorry that we haven't spoken in a while. I just now learned of Betty's passing. Jim and I are so sorry to hear this. Words cannot express how much you both mean to us. I can honestly say you both were the best neighbors for many years in Apple Lake that anyone could ever ask for. You all were always like parents to us, so sweet and kind. We miss you so very much. Our hearts hurt for you but we know that she is not suffering any longer and now in the presence of God and pain free. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you. We love you and will always love you even though we have both left the neighborhood and gone our separate ways. Missy has our number if you need it and our email is still the same. May God bless you and give you strength in the coming days ahead and may the memories of a lifetime comfort you and bring you peace until you meet her again.*

*Love Rita and Jim Baines*

Rita & Jim Baines - May 17 at 05:56 PM