



Betty Jean "Jeanne" Compton

March 20, 1941 - June 19, 2022

Betty Jean "Jeanne" Compton, 81, of Delbarton WV, transitioned to her heavenly home on Sunday, June 19, 2022 from the Pikeville Medical Center in Pikeville, KY. Born March 20, 1941, she was the youngest daughter of the late Rev. W.H. and Mildred Sexton Compton. She was preceded in death by a dear brother-in-law, Dallas T. Bias.

Jeanne was a devoted daughter to "Mid" and "Preacher Compton," as they were affectionally called by church, family, and community. Jeanne was born just 2 years into her father's 50-year pastoral appointment to Delbarton Church of God, and she became part of the legacy of a family's multigenerational commitment to serving Christ and serving people through the church. Being an integral part of a church family was the only life she ever knew, and she served with her whole heart. She was, as were her siblings, an armorbearer to her father's pastoral ministry. Jeanne and her sisters, Phyllis, Patty, and Joyce, sang on the radio from an early age during their father's weekly radio program and also in church. Every member of the Compton family was involved in some facet of serving people. When their little brother Will was born, he was surrounded by a doting, caring, and protective group of sisters; and he too would find his calling early-on in the ministry.

The extended Compton family remains committed to Christ and committed to one other, maintaining closeness no matter how many miles might be between them. One of Jeanne's favorite family roles was that of Aunt to her adoring nieces and nephews. Jeanne was fun, funny, and she had a

youthfulness that was irresistible. If she really liked you, she would playfully smack you on the back while sharing a hearty laugh.

Jeanne lived in the home with her parents; and after her mother's passing, Jeanne chose to remain there with her aging father, caring for him until his passing in 1997. She served in a variety of roles in the church during her lifetime. She was a Sunday School and Wednesday evening teacher for a number of years, a teacher during Vacation Bible School, and she played the church organ for many years. She also played the piano and was a vocal soloist with a rich alto voice.

After graduation, Jeanne's first job was secretary at Burch High School. Jeanne then did clerical work at Appalachian Regional Hospital. She attended Lee College (now Lee University) and worked as an administrative secretary at Highlands Clinic. She then served Delbarton Church of God/Regional Church of God in the role of church secretary for the remainder of her career years. She continued working until 2012. As the first person to answer the phone or greet church visitors, Jeanne made, during her years there, an excellent first impression to those who came through the doors. Jeanne was very much a people person. She was always friendly, always compassionate, and always speaking the truth in love. She was very transparent, a good and patient listener, and people trusted her because they knew she loved them genuinely.

Jeanne was quick-witted and quick on her feet. When the church hosted Regional Christian School in the building beginning in 1999, Jeanne was loved by the students and faculty alike. She would make countless trips up and down the stairs throughout the day without complaining. She put bandages on skinned knees, comforted crying kindergarteners, and even though her secretarial role was geared more to the "church side of things," she devoted a great deal of energy to serving the school as well.

In more recent years, as Jeanne's health began to decline, she got to spend a lot less time doing the things she loved—church involvement, traveling, and social gatherings. When a stroke caused her to become less steady on her

feet, her siblings pulled together and helped her. She spent a great deal of time with Joyce and husband Tom in Chesapeake, and an extended stay in Florida with Patty and Leon when her health was too fragile to travel back home. Will and Bonnie and Phyllis were also a great source of support for Jeanne, staying close by her side, driving when she could no longer do so, and helping her with anything she needed; also, several friends and church family served occasionally as in-home caregivers the last few years. Jeanne did not allow sickness or circumstances to diminish her joy or her faith in the Lord Jesus. She remained true to the very end; and now for her, life is just beginning.

Jeanne is survived by her cherished siblings: sisters, Phyllis Bias of Delbarton, Patricia (Leon) Garner of Sabastian, FL, Joyce (Tom) Maynard of Chesapeake, OH; brother, William (Bonnie) Compton of Delbarton. She also leaves behind a number of nieces and nephews; and a special friend and caregiver, Neva McCoy.

Chafin Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving this family in Jeanne's passing.

Special thanks to the doctors and nursing staff of Pikeville Medical Center ICU, Dr. Meyer and Dr. Rebel; also SICU nurses Jacqueline Mollett (day shift) and Terra Weddington (night shift).

A Celebration of Life for Jeanne will be held on Thursday, June 2,3 at 1:00 PM at Regional Church of God with her nephew, Pastor Mitchell Bias, officiating; also remarks by her brother, Pastor Will Compton; brother-in-law, Pastor Leon Garner; as well as Pastor Stewart Farley, and Pastor Rick Hisle. Visitation will be at the church on Wednesday evening from 6:00-9:00 PM. Friends and nephews will serve as pallbearers. Jeanne will be laid to rest at Mountain View Memory Gardens in Maher, WV, next to her beloved parents. Pastor Greg Tomlinson will serve at the graveside committal. In lieu of floral tributes, donations may be made to Regional Church in Jeanne's memory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Jean "Jeanne" Compton*

November 21, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ *Reana Hatfield lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean "Jeanne" Compton*



Reana Hatfield - July 02, 2022 at 12:21 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All Pink was purchased for the family of Betty Jean "Jeanne" Compton.*



June 23, 2022 at 09:42 AM

AR

“ Dearest Family, I have always felt like all of you were a part of my extended family, and Jeanne especially was like a cousin to me back when we palled around together growing up in the Delbarton Church of God, long years ago! Life took us in different directions and we lived in different places, but through the years at family gatherings, or whenever Jeanne and I were together, we could always easily take our friendship up again and the years rolled away. I have such lovely memories of her dear sweet spirit and how bright and animated her personality always was. She was an inspiration in how she loved her Lord and served Him faithfully, and how she loved and served others. She and all the rest of her dear family members have served as an inspiration to thousands and thousands. God bless you all and may the Holy Spirit comfort you because I know you will miss her so much!

Much love, Ardoth Rutherford

Ardoth Rutherford - June 22, 2022 at 09:38 PM

SF

“ Sid & Evelyn Ferrell lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean "Jeanne" Compton



Sid & Evelyn Ferrell - June 22, 2022 at 01:16 PM

SI

Sending our condolences to all the family. Jeanne was a great and sweet lady to all that knew her. We both have fond memories of her... she always had a smile and was always nice to us. The Compton family is a great family. Sending our love and praying for God to give each of you peace and comfort as you meet the days ahead.

Sid - June 22, 2022 at 01:22 PM

DH

“ So sorry to hear of Jeanne ‘s passing. My heart goes out to all of her family. They were a close family. Phyllis is my sister-in-law. I remember Jeanne as a very happy person, and always smiling.

Diana (Bias) Heidenreich

Diana Heidenreich - June 22, 2022 at 12:15 PM

KM

“ I was so sorry to hear of Jeanne’s passing. She was a wonderful person. We worked together for about 10 years at the ARH Clinic and I graduated with Will. Prayers for the family.

Karen (Brumfield) Maynard - June 22, 2022 at 09:30 AM

DK

“ Jeanne was always a delight to be around. Her hearty laughs and quick wit made for enjoyable conversations and special moments. Our loss was certainly Heaven's gain.

Dr Kathleen - June 22, 2022 at 06:51 AM

DR

“ Dr Kathleen Runyon lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean "Jeanne" Compton



Dr Kathleen Runyon - June 22, 2022 at 06:48 AM

KP

“ Our prayers go out to all the family during this time. Jeannie was like a mother to all our children at school and a friend to all. We truly hated to hear about this but know that she is now walking with the Angels and her family.

Kathy & Kari, Victoria Parsley - June 21, 2022 at 10:26 PM

NS

“ Nancy Booten Stacy sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Jean "Jeanne" Compton



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“ Anita Witten (Maynard Family) lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean "Jeanne" Compton



Anita Witten (Maynard Family) - June 21, 2022 at 08:42 PM

AF

Jeanne was Loved by All of Us!! She felt like Our Sister!! We attended Church together and many Social Gatherings!! She was the Life of the party with her Wonderful Laughter and Smile!! She and her Sisters were very close to Lynn and Carole!! They would visit Our Home many times, as We did Theirs!! Our Family Adored her!! We will Always Cherish her and the Love She gave to All of Us!! Prayers for her Precious Family and Friends!! Love you Jeanne 💜💜

Anita Witten (Maynard Family) - June 21, 2022 at 08:48 PM

LH

“ *Lilly J Hall lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean "Jeanne" Compton*



Lilly J Hall - June 21, 2022 at 06:37 PM

LH

“ *Jeanne...what can I say about a lady who was so gracious and loving...when I heard of her passing...I cried like someone beat me...my ❤️ is sad and 💔...but your memory will live on always through us all Miss Jeanne...you were my "Jeanne LouLou"...Fly high my beautiful friend... Prayers for the Bias/Compton family....love you all so much*

Lilly J Hall - June 21, 2022 at 06:37 PM

MM

“ *Monica Morris lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean "Jeanne" Compton*



Monica Morris - June 21, 2022 at 05:19 PM



“ *Darlene N John Lawson lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean "Jeanne" Compton*



Darlene N John Lawson - June 21, 2022 at 04:17 PM

KB

To the family of Jeanne, we send condolences! What a treasure she was, genuine in every way, always making everyone feel right at home in her presences! She will be greatly missed! What a great family she leaves behind but soon and very soon we will meet again! Ken and Faye Boyd

Ken and Faye Boyd - June 21, 2022 at 05:12 PM

HF

“ When I was 12 and my Dad died Brother Compton came to us and took care of everything for my Mom. From that point on, the Comptons "adopted" me and became like family to me.... my second home.

All the girls (and Will) from that point on in my life, to this day, have been there for me, every step of the way in my life, not once leaving me alone to fend for myself. They literally became my family. I spent more time at their house than I did at my own home.

Sometimes Bro. Compton would get called away for someone in need and he would load us up (the girls, me included because I WAS THERE) w/Sis. Compton and off we would go....crowded in the back seat giggling, singing, talking constantly and loving every minute of the trip. Sis. Compton would be steering the vehicle and Bro. Compton feeding the gas. Lordy, Lordy what a heritage and foundation that has kept me anchored for my entire life.

Bet and I worked closely together at the church, on personal projects and things we did just for fun. Never once in our lifetime did we have a disagreement or misunderstanding about anything, and I'm sure that was not because I was the easiest person to deal with. She was a "classic" one of a kind, a very unique friend, loving to the last degree, giving support w/o reservation and always, always strong prayer covering.

I love all of you and if I am anything at all today, it is thanks to the Compton family for adopting me, guiding me, loving me and always covering me w/prayer.

I'm sorry I could not be w/you all through this time, but my love surrounds you and we shall see each other very soon.

Poochie

hazel w farley - June 21, 2022 at 04:10 PM

ST

“ *This is a great family and iconic in the town of Delbarton! She will be sorely missed by all that knew her! My thoughts and prayers to her family and many friends!*

Sheila Trippett - June 21, 2022 at 02:58 PM

WK

“ *William Billy Kozee lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean "Jeanne" Compton*



william billy kozee - June 21, 2022 at 02:43 PM