



Bettie Scott Kennamer

December 6, 1931 - June 21, 2016

Bettie Scott Kennamer passed away June 21st, 2016. She was 84 years old. A memorial service will be held Friday, July 1st at 11 o'clock with visitation before at 10 o'clock at The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, 1101 Sunset Drive, Guntersville, Alabama. The Rev. Aaron Raulerson, The Rev. Jennifer Riddle, and The Reverend Bill Winters will be officiating. Kay Benefield will provide music. Burial will be in Crestview Cemetery, directed by Carr Funeral Home. Mrs. Kennamer was born in Tuscaloosa, the daughter of Derrie Able Scott and Sidney Lamar Scott. She grew up in Marion, Alabama and graduated from Perry County High School. She attended the University of Alabama where she studied Romance Languages. She was married in 1951 and moved to Guntersville, Alabama in 1953. She and her husband opened their photographic studio, Leon Studio, in 1955. They traveled extensively, teaching instructional seminars and capturing scenes from all around the world. Bettie was an integral part of the studio, with responsibilities ranging from managing the business, assisting in presentations and sessions, and working with clients. Bettie earned a Photographic Craftsman degree, the oldest Professional Photographers of America (PPA) educational program created in 1937. This degree is a representation of the largest professional photography organization's standards of excellence. Bettie was not just an assistant, she was an equal partner in a business that thrived due to her work. She worked with Leon until his death in 2000. She was a member of the Episcopal Church of the

Epiphany, a member of the choir, and Daughters of the King. She was passionate about many charities, most importantly charities involving the church, the arts, and the animals. The family suggests memorial donations to The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany (1101 Sunset Dr.), the Guntersville Public Library, or any local animal shelter. Bettie is survived by one daughter, Milla Kennamer Averett (Randy), two granddaughters, Erin Stewart Resha (Alan), and Emily Scott Thornton, two great-grand children Matthew Ryan Killion (Tiffany), and Jessica Brooke Killion. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elton Leon Kennamer, Jr., daughter, Lynn Kennamer, and granddaughter, Mary Lauren Stewart.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My years in the photo industry with Bettie and Leon hold many wonderful memories. We traveled all over the country together and shared many fine meals. Bettie never forgot to call me on my birthday. I miss them both. Jack King*

jack king - December 23, 2016 at 03:04 PM

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“ *Dear Milla, we are so sorry for your loss in the death of dear Bettie. I am so glad to have seen her since we moved back to Guntersville in 1999. I remember her as a classy lady who was an encouraging influence in the lives of many of us young people who were being photographed. We were sometimes shy, unsophisticated and awkward yet she made us feel and look graceful and poised. Her assistance to Leon in the photography business was, I am sure invaluable. She was an amazing lady and so brave in the face of impending blindness. Now she sees with new eyes and is at rest and peace. I know you will miss her..please feel free to call me at some time. Sorry I didn't have your address or phone to be more personal. Kathy Lynch Lawlor*

Kathleen Lawlor - June 29, 2016 at 11:13 AM