



## Betty Ann Whitaker Shackelton

February 7, 1928 - April 3, 2020

Betty Whitaker Shackelton, 92, of Asheville died on April 3, 2020. A native of Buncombe County, she was born February 7, 1928 to the late C. E. and Mae Robinson Whitaker. She is also preceded in death by her brothers, Edwin W. Whitaker and Charles S. Whitaker and sisters-in-law Alice Hershey Whitaker and Beatrice Burnette Whitaker.

Betty grew up on the family farm in Cane Creek, West Asheville, and then in Haw Creek graduating from Lee Edwards High School and Cecil Business College. She was married to Bill, alias "Shack," on New Year's Eve 1948 in the First Baptist Church parsonage by Dr. Perry Crouch. The family moved in 1950 to Greensboro, NC for twelve years for "Shack" to work for the Federal Government. Upon their return to Asheville in 1962, Betty worked for Wachovia Bank until retirement.

Calvary Baptist, where Betty was baptized, Oteen Baptist, First Baptist Church of Greensboro, and First Baptist Church of Asheville were large parts of her life and friendships through her many years of membership.

She is survived by her husband of 71 years, William P. Shackelton; daughters, Lynn Shackelton Kahl (Dean) and Leigh Shackelton Rittenhouse (Dave); grandchildren, Jessica A. Baker and Nathan W. Rittenhouse; step-granddaughters, Julie L. McGarry and Susan L. Aft; brother, Max O. Whitaker;

sister-in-law Mary Penley Whitaker; one niece and four nephews.

In lieu of flowers, Betty would have preferred donations to be sent to First Baptist Church, Asheville, 5 Oak Street, Asheville NC 28801.

During the COVID-19 crisis, services will be delayed and will be announced at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Ann Whitaker Shackelton*

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October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family. I was great friends with Leigh for many years and knew the family. I know she will be greatly missed. Sharon Scarborough Glisson*

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**Sharon Scarborough Glisson** - April 09, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Betty was a beautiful woman inside and out. Mariann Haisley Smith*

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**Mariann Smith** - April 08, 2020 at 07:43 AM