



## Betty Dees Roberts

February 3, 1955 - October 9, 2025

Betty Dees Roberts, 70, of Wilmington, passed away peacefully at Lower Cape Fear Hospice October 9th, 2025.

Betty was born on February 3, 1955, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, to the late James Elbert Dees Sr. and Martha Eugenia Lambert Dees.

She was a loving wife, mother, sister, and grandmother. Betty's warmth and kindness touched the lives of everyone who knew her. She will be deeply missed by all.

In addition to her parents, Betty was preceded in death by her son, Fisher Culbreth III, and her sister, Patty Willis.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 41 years, David Roberts of Wilmington; sons Joey Culbreth (Jessica) and Tyquay Roberts; siblings James E. Dees Jr. (Luanne), brother-in-law Jimmy Willis Sr., Karen Utsman (Tim), Kim Schmidt (Gary), Kelly Dees (Sandy), and Lisa Brown (Tim); as well as two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Betty will also be remembered by her extended family members and the many children she lovingly fostered throughout the years. Her compassion and dedication left a lasting legacy of love and care.

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ Betty was a kind, thoughtful, nurturing person. She loved taking care of people. She helped so many foster children live safer, happier lives. We will miss her but never forget her. Rest in peace, Betty.

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**Jen Price** - November 21, 2025 at 12:35 PM

TG

“ To my best friend my sister i will miss our video chats phone calls going to eagle island for candy and ice-cream missing staying weekends going to church. Most of all going to something fishes you love that restaurant. Sister one day we see each other again I know you be watching over ever one telling God to watch over everyone make sure they don't eat all the ice-cream and candy and the sea food I know you be tell him to let you order something to eat. I love you my sister Betty thank you for you time of helping me get through some tuff times .you was my shoulder I could cry on my ear to listen to me my buddy to go eat with. I will miss you my big sister Betty I will always carry your memories in my heart of our sister friendship. My prayers are for all your family's Betty you had a lot. God got you now no more pain sister you can breathe just fine now no tube no nothing just clean heaven.

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**Theresa gamble** - October 17, 2025 at 01:17 PM

SH

“ Betty was such a sweet, loving person. I'm so sorry about her passing. Much love to family and friends impacted. 💕💕

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**Sheree Harrell** - October 16, 2025 at 07:40 PM

JD

“ *Very special lady. Always a smile no matter how she felt. My love and prayers for her family.*

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**Jeff Davis** - October 16, 2025 at 01:46 PM

EW

“ *I met Betty through the foster care system. Both of us had big hearts and shared a love for children. She helped care for my daughter who was medically fragile. I totally trusted Betty, and knew my sweet Lilly was well taken care of and loved. Betty was my friend. She will be missed!  
I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Emily Weeks** - October 10, 2025 at 05:18 PM

AM

“ *A friend or family member planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Dees Roberts.*

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**A friend or family member** - October 10, 2025 at 03:54 PM

AW

“ *She was a very nice sweet loving strong woman. She enjoyed every minute with fostering all those children. Love you 🥰*

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**April Watson** - October 10, 2025 at 01:44 PM

TN

“ *You Were More Than A Foster Mother You Loved Us All and You Made Sure We Were Safe!!!! I Love You More Than I Showed You Will Be Forever Missed And Loved Mama!!*

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**Tia Nichols** - October 10, 2025 at 12:55 PM