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Elizabeth Marie "Betsy" Vann Adkins departed this life on September 1, 2020. Born December 16, 1956, to James Earl and Martha Curlee Vann on Cherry Point, Betsy's life was destined to be great from the start. Upon his discharge from the US Marine Corps, and subsequent move to Clinton, NC, the Vanns made their home in Clinton. Betsy remained in Clinton, NC, until her acceptance to Saint Mary's College in Raleigh, NC, where she finished high school and completed an associate's degree.

Betsy's life was fulfilled upon the arrival of her daughter, DeLana Adkins, in 1984 and son, Vann Adkins, in 1987. She moved to Wilmington in March of 1988 and remained there until her passing.

Betsy truly touched every person that she met and left a lasting impression on everyone. She is predeceased by her father, Dr. James Earl Vann, and her sister, Martha Morgan "Marty" Vann. She is survived by her mother, Martha Curlee Vann, her daughter DeLana (Casey) Adkins, her son Vann (Jessica) Adkins, her sister, Ida Perry (John) Schafer, granddaughter Cameron Edwards, and multiple cousins, nieces and nephews, and friends that she treasured as though they were family. Due to continued uncertainty with COVID19, there is no service planned at this time. A memorial service will be held in her memory at a later date and time.

Tribute Wall

GW

“ *Delana and van sorry to hear of your moms passing,how are mary and terri adkins doing?gillis*

Gillis I wilson - February 23, 2022 at 10:55 AM

DW

“ *I went to St Mary's with Betsy in 74.I live in Louisville Kentucky,I get the St Mary's book and just happened to look at the obituaries and saw that she passed away.She was such a sweet person.Sending prayers and sympathy to your family.My name is debbie Whittenberg.I stayed with her one weekend in Clinton.*

Debbie whittenberg - January 16, 2021 at 06:23 PM

GW

“ *Delana ,vann,mary,terry and david i am so sorry for your lost.😭😭*

Gillis I. Wilson - January 13, 2021 at 02:31 PM

JR

“ *I remember Betsy so many years ago in high school. She was a most lovely person and I always loved her laughter and sense of humor. For a few years, the Vann family's house backed up to mine on Powell Street. Sending love to her family. I know she will be greatly missed.*

Jim (Jimmy) Roberts - September 29, 2020 at 01:51 PM

MW

“ I am devastated to hear of Betsy's passing. Betsy was so full of life and love. She will be missed by all that knew her. Although we did not see each other often, we connected when we were together. A bright light burned out in Wilmington on September 1st. Until we meet again in the afterlife, Rest In Peace Dear Betsy! My condolences to Martha. You and James Earl raised three wonderful daughters.

Mary Taylor Walker - September 10, 2020 at 09:14 PM

DM

“ I am so sorry for you lost. I loved working with her at New Hanover Medical Group. My prayers are with you.

Dee Dee Mincey - September 09, 2020 at 05:29 PM

JR

“ Betsy and I grew up together in Clinton, NC. Our parents were close and we attended the same church. Betsy was so full of life. We got into a lot of things we probably shouldn't have, but had a great time all the same! Even though we haven't been in touch for many years, Betsy will always have a special place in my heart with the fondest of memories. With sympathy to the family, Jane Gunter Ranieri

Jane Gunter Ranieri - September 09, 2020 at 04:33 PM

JG

“ Mrs Martha, so sorry to hear of Betsy's passing.
John and Beth Gunter

John Gunter - September 07, 2020 at 07:44 PM

PS

“ Beautifully written. I have so many wonderful memories of our time at St Mary's! She was always inclusive and loved life. She is surely going to be missed by so many.

Paula Sneed - September 07, 2020 at 02:56 PM

LS

“ Martha, my heart goes out to you on Betsy's passing. I remember so well her laughter and wonderful personality, which is no surprise as she had two delightful parents to show her the way. Please know that I'm thinking about you, and pray that your memories of Betsy's life will be a comfort and a joy as time goes on. God bless all of you.

Laura Stillman - September 07, 2020 at 11:33 AM

SH

“ I am heartbroken by her death. She was a good friend, wonderful mother, and loving daughter. I am truly blessed because she touched my life.

SUSAN HANSEN - September 06, 2020 at 01:10 PM

BI

“ My condolences to your entire family. Betsy truly touched the life's of all she encountered. Her smile and most of all, her laughter was so contagious. I feel Very blessed to have know her. Heaven has received another Angel.

BB Ingram - September 06, 2020 at 12:14 PM

JB

“ Clinton High Class of 75

Jane Hope Brewer - September 05, 2020 at 06:32 PM

LR

“ *Delana, we are so very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Always glad to run into her at church. Please give our sympathy to the rest of your family. Keeping you all in our prayers.*

Lucy Rowe - September 04, 2020 at 11:53 PM

NH

“ *I worked with Betsy at one time and she brightened our days with her laughter and winning personality. If you were fortunate enough to call her your friend, she was there by your side for the long haul. Your spirit will be felt and your presence missed. She LOVED her birthday!*

Love you, Nancy Harris

Nancy Harris - September 04, 2020 at 10:55 PM

KG

“ *My heart goes out to the Adkins family. Betsy was an incredible individual, with an incredible wit and humor. She was always kind to me and treated me like one of her own and I'm sorry that I ever lost touch with her and her family. She will truly be missed.*

Karen Girard - September 04, 2020 at 08:45 PM

CP

“ *Mrs. Vann and family of Betsy, I am so sorry to hear of Betsy's death. I want you all to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time. May God bless and give you peace and comfort .*

Carolyn Parker - September 04, 2020 at 08:37 PM

RS

“ It is hard to say goodbye to such an incredible friend. I am so glad we knew each other and I was so happy when we talked last week. Happy trails, Betsy. Until we meet again I will remember all the laughs and incredibly fun times.

Ron Shackelford - September 04, 2020 at 07:57 PM

AL

“ THIS IS SO SAD AS SHE WAS SO YOUNG...HER SOUL SHOULD REST IN PEACE!

ALICE K. LEDER - September 04, 2020 at 03:20 PM

JS

“ My heart is so sad. Fond memories of all the music we shared. Love all of you. God's blessings and comfort.

Judy siebold - September 04, 2020 at 01:19 PM

SM

“ Betsy was a special kind of person. She always had a sparkle in her eyes and a kind word for everyone. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to y'all.

Sandra Morris - September 04, 2020 at 11:18 AM

BE

“ My heart is broken to hear that we lost one of the sweetest and funniest people I ever knew. Rest In Peace my sweet friend~
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Beverly - September 04, 2020 at 10:50 AM

RA

“ *Always a smile and a laugh.*

Robert Adams - September 04, 2020 at 10:14 AM

KC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.*

Katrina Como - September 04, 2020 at 09:53 AM

GP

“ *Martha, DeLana, Vann, Perry, and families: Like Marty, another beautiful soul, inside and out, has left us way too soon! Betsy was truly a ray of sunshine for everyone she met! Heaven became more lively and fun as Betsy walked through the gates to the awaiting arms of Marty, James Earl, and Ida Ray among others. Please know we are holding all of you close in our hearts and prayers. We pray God grants you comfort and peace. Love to all, GC and Beth Pope*

G C Pope - September 04, 2020 at 09:20 AM

SJ

“ *I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Betsy! I have fond memories of her growing up on Lafayette Street and me on E. Powell where there were so many great children and friends in our small town. Sending prayers to her mom Martha and all of her family.*

Sandra Rose Jones - September 03, 2020 at 10:27 PM

BB

“ *Betsy touched the lives of so many.
I remember her big smile and kindness that would light up a room.
She was such a wonderful ambassador of the medical practices she
worked at.
She will be missed so much.*

Bess Blackburn - September 03, 2020 at 09:32 PM

MC

“ *Betsy, we certainly shared some great times at Jane's beach house
when we were younger but that laughter of yours lasted a sweet
lifetime! Just talked with you a few months ago and shared some
laughs. It was always fun to spend time with you at the reunions. I
will miss you* ☐

Marcia Caison - September 03, 2020 at 09:13 PM

AH

“ *Praying for the family.*

Ann Hope - September 03, 2020 at 08:50 PM

CR

“ *My deepest condolences to you all. Your mom was such a
wonderful lady. God Bless*

Chris Ripley - September 03, 2020 at 07:18 PM

AT

“ *My heart is broken about Betsy. She was one of those special
People who touched many people with her intellect and humor
during her life. As a cousin in law, I send my love and wishes for
strength to her Mother, Martha , sister, Perry and to her children and
grandchildren... we love you Ann Turlington*

ann turlington - September 03, 2020 at 07:11 PM

DT

“ Dear cousins, I will miss Betsy so much. Her laughter and wit were simply wonderful! God be with all the Vann Family, and may he ease your pain. I love you all very much. David

David J Turlington - September 03, 2020 at 05:34 PM

KB

“ It is so hard to write a message when it is still hard to accept the fact that you are gone! On my move back from Swansboro you were the first person I was going to call and get together with for dinner. You are one of the few that I can count on one hand that I could honestly say was a true friend and I will forever miss you Boop and that contagious smile and laugh that I loved. I will never forget those nights at Hamburger Joes while we all sang the songs , and how well you harmonized with us, lol! I can't wait to meet again my sweet friend...

Kristen L Berardi - September 03, 2020 at 03:53 PM

DB

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved mother. She was a sweet lady who kept me laughing the time I was around her. I worked with Betsy for many years. She will definitely be missed. My thoughts and prayers to you and the family. Love you Betsy.

Diana Benson - September 03, 2020 at 03:53 PM

KF

“ DeLana, I am so sorry! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I never got to meet your mom but if you anything like her she must have been amazing. If I can do anything please let me know. Love you!

Katherine Fulmer - September 03, 2020 at 03:44 PM