



## Bettye Joyce Swann Warmbrod

April 22, 1934 - June 7, 2020

Bettye Joyce Swann Warmbrod, age 86, of Belvidere, TN, was welcomed into heaven on Sunday, June 7, 2020, surrounded by her daughters, granddaughters, sister, and niece. Mrs. Warmbrod was born in Alto, Tennessee, on April 22, 1934, to the late Virgil and Faye (Sublett) Swann. She spent her dearly beloved childhood years in Decherd with her parents, her big brother Bill, her inseparable sister Barbara, and her baby brother Jim. She graduated from Franklin County High School in 1951 where she played basketball. She married Mr. John David Warmbrod on June 11, 1955. She graduated from Saint Thomas School of Nursing as a registered nurse in 1954. Mrs. Warmbrod's nursing career began at Huntsville Hospital in labor and delivery alongside Dr. Cameron. When John and Bettye returned to Franklin County TN, they purchased what had in years past been part of the Warmbrod family farm. Bettye worked with Dr. Fite at Smith Memorial Hospital in Winchester. After many highly favorable and memorable years at the hospital in Winchester, Bettye then was the nurse for the construction of Tims Ford Dam. Following the completion of the dam, Bettye became the school nurse for Franklin County High School. Perhaps the largest impact of her professional career came as she next began teaching health occupations for many years at FCHS. In all the years following her retirement, Mrs. Warmbrod dearly loved running into her previous nursing students who always seemed to remember her so fondly from the time they spent together at FCHS.

For all who knew Mrs. Warmbrod, they knew Bettye to truly have a servant's heart. If there was any need to be met or any work to be done, she was the first to step up and serve without question nor consideration for any recognition. In fact, it was her preference not to be in the spotlight despite all that she served and shared. The only thing Mrs. Warmbrod loved as much as serving others was spending time with her family. She cooked for well over half a century of family Sunday dinners and holiday gatherings. Mrs. Warmbrod loved to travel on family trips, school trips, mission trips, senior mystery trips, camping trips, and just about any trip where friends, family, and most especially her sister Barbara wanted to go. Known by so many as "Meme," she was always enthusiastically happy to get to be a part of any event with her family and never missed the chance to get to cheer on her daughters and granddaughters at every event imaginable, even volunteering many times

over the years as camp nurse for all her girls summer camps. Whether with her beloved family or dear friends, she truly had a great time wherever she went. She loved to dance, from dancing the jitterbug and square dancing with John to her years of line dancing and then learning to clog in her senior years. She thoroughly enjoyed performing and visiting for many years at most all of the nursing homes in Franklin County. She was an avid University of Tennessee Lady Vols basketball fan, always decked out in her orange for every game, especially during the years of Pat Summit as coach. Her other interests included sewing, gardening, canning, and bird watching. Bettye was a 17-year breast cancer survivor and was a supporter of the Multi-County Cancer Support Network. She was a volunteer for Good Samaritan. Mrs. Warmbrod was a dedicated member of the First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of Winchester where she was also a member of the Friendship Sunday School Class and volunteered for many children's programs including Vacation Bible School. She will always be remembered by her family and church friends for so dearly loving to sing her favorite church hymns all the days of her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband John David Warmbrod, her parents Virgil and Faye (Sublett) Swann, brothers Bill and Jim Swann, and nephew Troy Warmbrod. She is survived by daughters, Barbara "Babs" Feaster and her husband Joe and Sharon "Sheri" Gamble and her husband Jeff; granddaughters, Rachel Crossland and her husband Travis and Amber Heath and her husband Max; great-grandchildren, Chloe Crossland, Maxwell Heath, and Elizabeth "Libby" Heath (all of the above of Belvidere); sister, Barbara Weaver (of Decherd); brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Joan Swann (of Winchester), Stephanie Swann (of Decherd), Julia Warmbrod (of Belvidere), and Joe and Anita Warmbrod (of Greeley, CO); nieces and nephews, Wendi Weaver (of Decherd), Cindy Chambless and her husband Don (of Jacksonville, FL), Joanna Miller and her husband Clifton (of Belvidere), Terry Weaver and his wife Leslie (of Gunter, TX), Stephen Swann and his wife Mary (of Decherd), Jedd Swann and his wife Meredith (of Decherd), and Eric Warmbrod and his wife Lori (of Windsor, CO), 7 great nephews; 4 great nieces; 4 great-great nephews; and so many very special friends.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 11, at the family cemetery next to her husband John on their 65th anniversary. Everyone is welcome; however, due to Covid-19 and CDC guidelines, the family asks that you please try your best to remember to maintain the recommended social distance and refrain from any hugs or other close physical contact at this time. Donations may be made in her memory to First United Methodist Church of Winchester.

Please visit our website at [www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com) to leave online condolences. Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery

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## Family Cemetery

656 Farris Lane

Belvidere, TN, 37306

# Events

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**JUN** **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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Family Cemetery

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# Comments

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“ Barbara, Am very sorry for the passing of your mom. May she rest in peace and you find comfort and strength in your memories of her. Mark Hyder

Mark Hyder - June 13 at 06:37 AM

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“ Barbara, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your sister. I know you will miss her tremendously. Just know I am thinking about you. You and your family are in my prayers.  
Love, Jane Eggleston

Jane Eggleston - June 11 at 11:19 PM

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“ I am so grateful that I was able to tell Mrs. Warmbrod how much she meant to me when I saw her in Kroger's recently. She kept telling me how it made her so happy that I approached her-but it really meant so much more to me. She has really made a difference in my life, and I will never forget her. So sorry for your loss. God Bless,  
Bobbi McCoy (Tenney)

bobbi mccoy - June 11 at 07:56 PM

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“ Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Bettye Joyce Swann Warmbrod.



June 10 at 06:53 PM

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“ This sweet lady was the reason I chose nursing. She instilled a confidence in all her students. I always thought I was her favorite however reading memories from some of her other students I realize that was a gift she gave to all who she touched. Clearly one of the most influential people in my life. That remains the case even though I have not seen her in 42 years. She has gained her wings.

**donna rogers stiles** - June 09 at 10:36 PM

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“ She was health occupational teacher when I was in high school. She would listen to your personal issues and not judge. She will be missed great9



**Adrianna Sullivan Walton** - June 09 at 12:11 PM

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“ I fondly remember my two years in health occupation class with Mrs. Wambrod. I would run into her in town about every five years after I graduate. She was always so proud of my accomplishments in healthcare. I was told her every one thought my best friend and I were her favorites. She smiled real big and said “you were”. She will truly be missed. Prayers for the family.

**Tina Patton** - June 09 at 09:31 AM

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“ Mrs Bettye Warmbrod  
I had the honor of graduating  
In 1980 from her Health Occupations Vocational Class. She was truly an Angel  
Sent from above I will always remember that sweet smile. I asked one day after class  
if she believed like I did in Angels here on earth ? Mrs Warmbrod replied  
I know we have Angels all around us  
and keep this in your heart always from me to you. I always have and always will  
I became a better person and I feel blessed to have known her.

**Loma Daniel Oakley** - June 08 at 10:54 PM

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“ Sister Barbara,  
I'm so sorry to hear such sad news. My heart aches for you and know the loss of losing a sister. Better was a joy to be with and many memories come to mind of our Red Hat days. Please know my thoughts and prayers are sent your way.

**Glenda Partin** - June 08 at 10:13 PM

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“ I know Mrs. Bettye from the good time gals (I worked at the nursing home). She was always smiling and taking extra time to visit with the residents. She was a special lady and she will be missed. God bless the family during this difficult time.

**Kristal Ray** - June 08 at 09:20 PM

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“ Mrs. Warmbrod thought me for 3 years in high school. She is one of the reasons that I am in nursing today! She thought me soooooo much! I still make my bed at home the way she taught me to for patients! She was always smiling and encouraging ( Except the one time that we brought a ouija board into the locker room! She was not smiling that day!) She has had a far reaching impact on countless lives because of her love to teach health occupations and the many students who went on to pursue a career in healthcare. I will always remember her and the life lessons she instilled! She was definitely a treasure! Prayers for peace and comfort.



**LaDonna Ledford** - June 08 at 09:16 PM

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“ Mrs Warmbrod was a great teacher, nurse, and friend. I was in her Health Occupation class of 85 and 86. Under her guidance I grew as a young lady who loved the medical field. She was also good friends with my Mother and Step dad, Homer and Dorothy Smith from Decherd. I will always remember her smiling face.

**Tammy Breazeale** - June 08 at 08:51 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bettye Joyce Warmbrod.



June 08 at 08:01 PM

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“ Our prayers are with you at this most difficult time. We will always remember Mr. and Mrs. Warmbrod at Rachel's softball games. This precious couple will be missed.  
David & Cile

**Cile Alexander** - June 08 at 07:10 PM