



## Betty Ann Safley

February 7, 1949 - February 21, 2024

Betty Ann Safley, affectionately known as “B.A.” by her friends and family and “Mimi” by her grandchildren, was born on February 7, 1949, in Milan, Tennessee, to Lewis and Nell Eichholt. The family soon moved to Greeneville, Tennessee.

Family members who continue to commemorate and celebrate B.A. include her daughter, Lauren Safley Barnard (Chris) and grandchildren Collins and Baylor; her son, Brad Safley (Ramsey) and grandchildren Baker, Brooks, Ainsley, and Saylor; and her brother, Lewis “Dusty” Eichholt (Merrie) and their children Dustin and Kaylie. There was a sparkle and glow within B.A. as she raised her remarkable and devoted children with love, affection, and strength.

Upon graduating from Greeneville High School in 1967 and earning an AA degree from Stephens College in Missouri, she went on to earn a degree from Florida State University and became a forever fan of the Seminoles. B.A. then moved to Miami, Florida to embark on a career in fashion merchandizing and eventually settled in the Tampa Bay and Clearwater area to raise her family and move forward with her career.

There were no strangers in B.A.'s world, her gift of friendship was given freely and sincerely, friendships were never bound by age or location and included those whom she had known since childhood. Colleagues and acquaintances quickly became devoted friends. Her willingness to serve and her dynamic personality

eventually led her to The Morton Plant Mease Foundation as Director of North County Development and then as Director of Care Coordination. For more than two decades she served as the Director of Philanthropy, raising millions of dollars for the Florida Suncoast Hospice Foundation in Clearwater, Florida.

B.A. was gifted with a dynamic and loving personality while committed to her faith and her community by serving others. She was a devoted and faithful member of Heritage United Methodist Church in Clearwater for more than 20 years.

Genuinely loved by all who knew her, we will remember the many stories B.A. left behind and the lives she touched while she was with us; she will be missed and held forever in our hearts.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm on Thursday, February 29, 2024, at Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee. A Celebration of B.A.'s life will take place at Faith Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 1, 2024, at 11:00 am with interment following at Roselawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Florida Suncoast Hospice Foundation 5771 Roosevelt Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33760, or Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the Safley family with their arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Cemetery

815 West Piedmont Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

# Previous Events

## The Family Will Receive Friends

FEB 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 John Knox Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 385-2193

## Funeral Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Presbyterian Church  
2200 North Meridian Rd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Joan M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Ann Safley.

Joan M. - March 21, 2024 at 03:30 PM

BEVIS

“ 1 file added to the album Service Footage



Bevis Funeral Home - March 01, 2024 at 03:27 PM

CF

“ I am so sad to hear of the passing of B.A. I had the opportunity to work with her for many years at Suncoast Hospice. I always admired how she dressed and how she always shared a smile. Condolences to her family and friends. Cat Fisher

Catherina Fisher - February 29, 2024 at 08:23 PM

AS

“ Andrew, Sara, Parker and TK Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Ann Safley.

Andrew, Sara, Parker and TK Smith - February 29, 2024 at 03:30 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Ann Safley.*



February 29, 2024 at 03:30 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Ann Safley.*



February 28, 2024 at 11:44 AM



“ *Gary and Karen Bauler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Ann Safley.*

**Gary and Karen Bauler** - February 28, 2024 at 11:44 AM



“ *Joe Parker, Rafe Parker & Jimmy Carter purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Betty Ann Safley.*



**Joe Parker, Rafe Parker & Jimmy Carter** - February 27, 2024 at 12:41 PM

SH

“ B.A. was an extraordinary person. She loved her family, friends and life! The expression “stop and smell the roses” was one B.A. lived by. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. We shared membership with other Countryside girlfriends in a club that none of us wanted to join- the First Wives Club! BA loved to laugh and have fun. She was also very spiritual and a wonderful listener and friend. She touched my life with a joy that I’ll always treasure. Rest in peace my sweet friend. We’ll celebrate our friendship again in heaven. I love you.

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**Sandi Huster** - February 24, 2024 at 12:01 AM

JM

*BA was a spirited woman with a spunkiness that defined her. I will never forget the day we first met in class at FSU in 1969. It's a story we used to howl about over the years - it's a story of our coming together and how our souls matched. We were always in each other's life's since that first meeting in a very strong and ever present way. We celebrated our early marriages and I spent a lot of time with the Safley clan over in Clearwater together and made frequent trips that I carefully planned to be included while I was on business trips to their area, turning into weekends of pure fun with the amazing children we both raised. My daughter, Erica now 35, was blessed to have BA as a loving*

*Godmother through the years. Our friendship and love for each other was never in question, we were there for each other. Never a question or time passed even if we had not talked in months. But then a 90-120 minute phone visit made up for all the distance between us (in miles). The feeling of deep love and affection for each other was like gold — always held its value and remained sparkling and brilliantly shiny. BA was more like a sister to me.*

*That's how we were. Always there for each other, reliable and dependable when you needed a shoulder to cry on or just some advice from*

*a trusted friend. She was the BEST FRIEND, and frankly the best at everything!! She was super smart, witty with a wicked laugh that was all her own. I will miss that, but I can still hear it in my head. We sometimes laughed so hard we'd cry and almost do that other thing when laughter overcomes you!!!! There is only one "BA" in the whole world, and my Lord, I will miss her every day. I have gathered some of our old photos that I would like Lauren and Dusty to have and share with "Mimi's"*

*Grandchildren. It will be my honor to be there and share BA's wonderful life with all of you who loves her like I do!! ❤️*

*We all share a great loss in our lives, but we are better people for having BA as a friend .*

*Best wishes to all, Joan Maxwell*

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**Joan Maxwell** - February 25, 2024 at 05:07 AM