



Betty B. Lyon

May 6, 1933 - October 20, 2025

LYON - Betty Ray Lyon, age 92, of Social Circle, Georgia, passed away October 20, 2025. Betty was the proud founder and owner of both Dekalb Beauty College and Decatur University of Cosmetology. Through her decades of dedication, she empowered thousands of students to find confidence, creativity, and success in their craft. Beyond her professional achievements, Betty was a woman of deep reflection and rich memory. She was a published author of *Winding Round The Square*, a tender and vivid account of her childhood in the rolling hills of Hayesville, North Carolina. Her writing captured the heart of a time gone by and shared it with readers in a way only she could—graceful, poignant, and true. Betty had a lifelong love of horses, finding joy and peace in their presence. Though she wore many hats throughout her life, none brought her greater joy than being “Mimi.” Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of her life, and her pride in them was boundless. Betty was preceded in death by her husbands, James Quenton Lyon & Charles Thompson; her parents Fred & Carrie (Cearly) Benedict; and brothers Ray & Edwin Benedict. She is survived by her daughter Alisa Lyon of Social Circle, GA; grandchildren Matt (Allie) Sullins of Braselton, GA & Shelby Puckett of Peachtree City, GA; great grandchildren Piper, Blakely, Roman, & Marlow Sullins; and Chatham, Savannah, & Xander Puckett. A celebration of Betty’s life will be announced at a later time. Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 209 S Hammond Drive, Monroe, Georgia 30655. Please sign the online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com.

Tribute Wall

CP

“ *Mimi was a beautiful soul. Praying for everyone.*

Colleen Puckett - October 23, 2025 at 06:36 PM

BW

“ *Betty and I have enjoyed each other's company many times since she became my neighbor in Social Circle. She could entertain me with her childhood stories for several minutes every time we were together until recent weeks. I truly treasure my time that I have spent with her and will miss her stories, sweet smile, and friendship.*
Beth Walton

Beth Walton - October 21, 2025 at 12:31 PM



Beautiful memories of her style, grace and knowledge as I was training at Dekalb Beauty School. Alisha if you need anything you have my # Pat Astrin

Pat Astrin - October 21, 2025 at 08:57 PM

BC

Betty and I were in the same class at Hayesville as it is with young girls we were often best friends and spent many nights at each others houses. As we have aged we have not been able to visit but it makes me sad that she is no longer with us. Prayers for the family

Bobbie Caldwell - October 22, 2025 at 09:05 AM