



## Bettie Sue Mefford

May 24, 1928 - April 18, 2021

Bettie Sue Clinkenbeard Mefford, was born in Nicholas County on May 24, 1928 and died peacefully at her home on April 18, 2021, one month shy of her 93rd birthday. She was greatly loved by her family and friends and will be missed dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ruben and Lizzie Mae Clinkenbeard, brothers Dudley and Sam Clinkenbeard and sister Doris Hamm and by her husband of 52 years, Austin Mefford.

Bettie grew up in Nicholas County and graduated from Carlisle High School. She then moved to Lexington with roommates Irene Mefford, Marjorie Mefford and Frances Alexander. The Mefford girls introduced her to their brother, Austin, the love of her life. They were married on February 28, 1948, and started a family on a farm in Scott County. More children arrived and they ultimately moved to the Peaks Mill community in Franklin County. Although she wanted nothing more than to be the traditional farm wife, small farms not being very lucrative, she took a position as a clerk for the Franklin County ASCS office. She loved interacting with the farmers of Franklin County and grew to count them all as friends. She knew the details of their farms, their tobacco allotments, their diverted acres, and details of their families, their children, relations through marriage.....she was an encyclopedia of Franklin County agriculture information. She had a career for 31 years with what became the Farm Service Agency of Franklin County, retiring as the County Executive Director, a reluctant feminist. Although she received many awards over the years from county and state agricultural agencies, these were never displayed in her home. Instead, her walls and counters were filled with pictures of her family, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.....her real accomplishment!

Always active in her church, her home church Oakland Christian, and recently Peaks Mill Christian, she served as Sunday school teacher, youth leader and Bible Bowl coach for many years, touching the lives of many, all of whom she loved dearly.

She is survived by her three children, Olin Mefford (and wife Linda), Ivan Mefford (and wife Ruth) and Diana Mefford Hogan (and husband Rick); grandchildren, who were so very special to her, Melissa Duff, Michael Mefford, Alison Parker, Kevin Mefford, Shea Malhotra, Dana Parker, Caitlin Schlakman, Lindsay Carter, Brette Conliffe, Eric Mefford, Tyler Mefford and Kelly Hogan; 20 delightful great grandchildren and numerous nieces

and nephews that were also so special to her.

Services at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home, with visitation on Wednesday, April 21 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., and funeral at 10 am on Thursday, April 22. Burial will follow at Peaks Mill Cemetery. Her grandchildren serve as pallbearers and her great-grandchildren as honorary pall bearers.

Flowers are welcome, but expressions of sympathy may be made to the Peaks Mill Cemetery Fund.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Cemetery

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## Peaks Mill Christian Church Cemetery

7534 Peaks Mill Road  
Frankfort, KY, 40601

# Events

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**APR 21** Visitation 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Harrod Brothers Funeral Home  
312 Washington Street, Frankfort, KY, US,  
40601

**APR 22** Service 10:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Thank you for sharing the photos Dad and I really enjoyed them!  
John Triplett and Pam Triplett Cloyd

Pamela T Cloyd - May 04 at 09:04 PM

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“ We were so very sorry to hear about Mrs. Bettie. Mom and Dad (Minnie and John Triplett) always spoke so very highly of her. They were farmers too so they were at the ASCA office many times over the years. Dad always said she was the nicest person he'd ever met and she knew more than anyone else that had ever worked in the ASCA office. He said she cares.  
My husband's family were tenant farmers in Shelby, Woodford and Franklin counties. They were able to finally purchase a farm from Mr. Gregory on Gregory Woods. Then his parents moved to Peaks Mill so Gene Cloyd knew her for a very long time too. Each time Gene and I visited the Farmers' Market they'd catch up on all the family info and then talk about the old times, farming and people they knew.  
She was one of a kind! Gentle soul as Gene always said when he talked about her. I vision her and Austin sitting and talking with Gene, my mom Minnie and all the families, Catching up.....  
Love, Pam Triplett (Gene) Cloyd and family, John (Minnie) Triplett, Jackie Triplett Owens and family, Rhonda Triplett (Robert) Sharfe

Pamela T Cloyd - May 04 at 09:02 PM

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“ JeanAnn Myatt lit a candle in memory of Bettie Sue Mefford



JeanAnn Myatt - April 26 at 01:59 PM

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“ I am saddened to hear of Mrs. Mefford's death. She was one of the first farmers I became acquainted with years ago at the market. I would sometimes go out to the farm to pick up beef orders from her and we'd talk and laugh and she'd show me her crocheting creations. She was a precious godly woman of much wisdom and love and I am so grateful to have known her. Her life was a living witness and testimony and I know she resides in glory now with our Savior. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Diana, and your whole family as you mourn, with love, Jean Ann

**JeanAnn Myatt** - April 26 at 01:58 PM

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“ I'm saddened to hear of this sweet lady's passing and want to send my condolences! She is one of a kind. I have such fond memories of her from growing up at Oakland. She is such a beautiful, special person, and a shining example for Christ. Last time I saw her was several years ago at the Farmers Market when I was grown with a child of my own. And her perky smile and conversation made my day! I know she's rejoicing with Jesus and Austin. Love you always, Miss Bettie!! Prayers for comfort for her family!

-Melissa Shramm White

**Melissa White** - April 22 at 08:35 PM

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“ Diana and Shea, I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Mefford was such a joy at the farmers market, and I am glad that I knew her there. May your good memories of her sustain you in your grief.

MaryLinda Wells



**MaryLinda Wells** - April 22 at 04:00 PM

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“ I attended church with Mrs. Bettie and Austin when i was a youth, she was always so elegant and graceful and careful with words to be in line with what Jesus would want. I moved on and didnt see her for many years but often thought of her and her daughter, Diana who was so beautiful. I'm so sorry for your loss. i am sure will be greatly missed.

Paula - April 22 at 07:46 AM

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“ She will be truly missed. She was a lovely lady and an icon in Peaks Mill, She always had a smile for you and was much a beloved friend and family member. Now you and Austin can enjoy eternity together. Love Jana Thompson

Jana Thompson - April 22 at 07:33 AM

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“ Diana, we are so sorry to learn of the loss of your mother. It was always such a positive experience to see her at the Farmers Market. She was quite a lady. We will be thinking about you.

Bill and Adrienne Robinson

Bill and Adrienne Robinson - April 21 at 09:13 PM

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“ So sorry for our loss but heaven gained another angel. She was a special lady.

Mary Bailey - April 21 at 11:10 AM

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“ 61 files added to the album LifeTributes



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - April 21 at 10:16 AM

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“ Our heart and condolences goes out to you Diana in the loss of your mom. Always loved seeing her at the Farmer's Market with you.....wearing that sweet smile on her face. Prayers for all the family. John & Bonnie Clements

**Bonnie Clements** - April 21 at 06:19 AM