



## Mrs. Betty Gumbmann Steedly

November 1, 1927 - December 29, 2018

Mrs. Betty Gumbmann Steedly, 91, previously of Bamberg, South Carolina, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 29, 2018 in Statesboro, Georgia, in the loving care of the Ogeechee Area Hospice. Betty was born Babette Gumbmann on November 1, 1927 in Erlangen, Germany. She was the eldest daughter of the late Franz Gumbmann and Walburga Mirschberger Gumbmann. Betty grew up and attended school in Germany where she was trained as a bookkeeper. She met and fell in love with Homer Richard Steedly Sr. in Germany during World War II and eventually moved to Bamberg, South Carolina after the war where she and Homer built a new life and family together. Betty became a remarkable Southern cook and took great pride in her yard and garden. She worked in the local garment factory as well as the nearby small appliance factory before beginning her 20+ year career as a Secretary and Bookkeeper for B.C. Moore's and Sons, where many will remember seeing her over the years before she finally retired. Betty was a longtime member of the Hunters Chapel Baptist Church where she was active in the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU). In addition to working in the yard, she loved music, knitting, and reading.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Homer Richard Steedly, Sr., and her two brothers: Anton and Konrad Gumbmann. Left to honor Betty and remember her love are her four children: Homer Steedly, Jr. (Tibby) of Brevard, NC; Nancy Parker (Tony) of Metter, GA; Tony Steedly of Bamberg, SC; and Linda Thomas (Kirk) of Sylva, NC; four grandchildren: Melanie Ridenhour (Jason) of Mount Pleasant, SC; Rick Martin (Darlene) of Metter, GA; Chris Martin (Vanessa) of Kennesaw, GA; and Jennifer Sinclair (James) of Tucson, AZ; and 11 great-grandchildren: Julianna, Evan, and Emma Ridenhour; Macy and Austin Martin; Drew and Jack Martin; and John, Caroline, Margaret, and Baby Sinclair. She is also survived by her sister, Lotte Owlett of Kentucky; her cousins, Annelore Moenius and Marianne Wetzels of Germany; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

. The family will receive friends at Hunters Chapel Baptist Church on Wednesday from

12:00PM until 1:00 p.m. followed by the funeral service at 1:00 p.m in the church sanctuary.

Interment will follow in Bamberg County Memory Gardens.

The Steedly family would like to extend our gratitude to Ralph Cowart of Southern Manor-Statesboro, Chaplain Nick Spletstoser of Ogeechee Area Hospice, and the entire Hunters Chapel Baptist Church community for their love and support. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Betty's name to Hunters Chapel Baptist Church, 9375 Hunters Chapel Rd, Bamberg, SC 29003 or the charity of your choice.

Friends may sign the online register book at [www.joineranderson.com](http://www.joineranderson.com).

Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home & Crematory of Statesboro, GA is in charge of the arrangements.

# Comments

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“ To Betty Steedly Family , I was the store Manager for BC Moores & Sons in Bamberg for a number of years . Your mother was one of best employees , bookkeeper and sale clerk that was there . She was one person you could always depend on for anything . Customers would ask for her to wait on them instead of me and I knew it was the way she cared about them before they left the store . God bless all of you .  
Russell L. Gibson

**Russell L. Gibson** - January 02 at 02:07 PM

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“ I have known Mrs Betty for a short time but she was a very lovely lady. May God you all peace and comfort just knowing that she is in the arms of God.

**Donna Kay Edmonds** - January 02 at 09:52 AM

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“ My memory of Mrs. Betty is seeing her in BC Moores, always with her sweet smile. You, Nancy, inherited this from her! Love and prayers, Sharon and Bill

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