



Betty B. Densmore

March 5, 1922 - June 25, 2014

Betty Burns Densmore was born on March 5, 1922, in Pauls Valley, OK and passed from this life at Pauls Valley General Hospital on June 25, 2014 following a stroke.

She was the youngest child of Arthur Parsons and Susette Matthews Burns. Pauls Valley was her home for most of her life. She graduated from The Hockaday School, in Dallas, and from Wellesley College. Following school, she worked in Dallas for a start-up company called Delta Airlines. It was at this time that she met Chauncey Densmore. They were married November 29, 1947. At the time of Chauncey's death in 2005, they had been married 58 years.

Betty was a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church in Pauls Valley, and she was actively involved in church life. She also enjoyed civic projects and served on the Pauls Valley City Council, Main Street and Beautification Boards and was a founder and co-chair of the Pauls Valley Hospital Foundation as well as a long time member of the PVGH Auxiliary. She was an enthusiastic supporter of the Samaritans, PAWS, and the Santa Fe Depot Museum.

For years Betty entertained the idea of opening a Mexican restaurant. That idea came to fruition in the form of Tio's Restaurant, which she, Chauncey, and her brother, John Burns, established 41 years ago.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, sister and brother-in-law Susanne and Warren Payne, sister-in-law Jean Densmore, brother and sister-in-law, Dana and Jean Densmore.

She is survived by her brother, John H. Burns; daughter, Marsha Densmore and son, Arthur Burns Densmore, grandchildren Chauncey Matthews Venable; John Lowell Venable and his wife Stevi and their children Jack and Mali; Stuart Marshall Densmore;

Thomas Arthur Vaughn, Karina, and their daughter, Olivia; Ellen Densmore Vieira and her husband Antone, and their children, Ellis and Portia; nieces Susan Wilson and Sarah Johnston, and many other relatives.

A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Pauls Valley on Saturday, June 28 at 2:00 in the afternoon. Services and arrangements are under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to any of Betty's favorite local organizations. You may send a condolence to the family at <http://www.woosterfuneralhomes.com>

Comments



“ Marsha, Burns and John, I am so sorry for your loss. Betty moved through life with such dignity and grace. Those qualities blended with her keen intellect and wonderful humor made it seem a privilege just to know her.

Susan Blake and Ed Payne

Susan Blake - June 28, 2014 at 02:34 PM



“ Burns, Marsha and family. I am sorry for your loss. Mrs. Densmore was a beautiful woman a great example for all of us and I know she will be missed greatly. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Cindy Ward - June 28, 2014 at 02:14 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to the Densmore and Burns family. So very hard to lose our loved ones. I pray that comfort & peace can be found knowing that Betty and Chauncey are together again. Very, very special people to me!!! Robin Clinton

Robin - June 27, 2014 at 08:02 AM



“ Thinking of your entire family and sending heartfelt condolences. Betty was certainly one of my favorite people and will always hold a very special place in my heart. We shared the same birthday and I loved to call her my birthday twin. She had such an endearing personality ,infectious smile and eyes that truly danced. I will never forget her meeting me for lunch when I was looking for caregivers for Mom. She had great insight and such compassion. A beautiful listener. So grateful to have shared so many happy times with her. She will certainly be missed.
Hugs of comfort to you,
Lynn Sisney

Lynn Sisney - June 27, 2014 at 12:25 AM



“ Burns and Marsha, your mom was a sweet lady. Betty and Chauncey were pillars of our community. Condolences to you and your families.
HM and Betty Pannell

H Pannell - June 26, 2014 at 07:49 PM



“ To The Family,
We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you are all in our prayers at this time. May God wrap His arms of love around each of you so that you can draw strength for tomorrow. What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose, all that we love deeply becomes a part of us.
Brenda Butts and Charlotte Brumley

Charlotte Brumley - June 26, 2014 at 03:47 PM



“ Marsha it is with great sadness to hear of Betty passing. She always had a smile and a big hug for everyone and she will be greatly missed. God bless the family during this time of grief.

There are many things in our life that will catch our eyes but only a few will catch our heart, those are the ones we need to pursue....Observe around you and be thankful for all that we have in this transitory lifetime.

Harold Bradley - June 26, 2014 at 03:01 PM



“ Burns & Marsha,
We send our sincere condolences to you and your families on the loss of your mother. Betty was such a kind and precious lady. She was admired by all. I know you will have wonderful memories of her that will bring you much comfort. Gary & LaVon Archer

Gary & LaVon Archer - June 26, 2014 at 01:20 PM



“ Betty was the a love. Her smile was warm and loving and her eyes twinkled with the same interest and affection she had for her friends. A great citizen of Pauls Valley is an understatement. She loved her hometown and cared for Pauls Valley as she did her friends and family.

Betty will be sorely missed by the Reid Family, the Colleys, her church family and the entire community. Sweet trip and prayers for the next step of your life as God holds you in the palm of his hand. You deserve the best my Dear!

ruth anne colley - June 26, 2014 at 11:39 AM



“ I'm sorry for your loss. I will remember her as I often remember Chauncey...they were a classy couple and a boon to our community. After nearly a decade, they are again together.

Kemper Kimberlin - June 26, 2014 at 11:22 AM



“ I always enjoyed talking with Betty. She was a very nice lady. I know she will be missed. Prayers to the family.



Waymolene Abel - June 26, 2014 at 11:19 AM



“ My sincerest condolences on your loss. I never had the opportunity to meet Betty, but my dad has shared many a story. A rich, full life lived with wonderful memories, I'm certain.

Anita Baughman - June 26, 2014 at 11:19 AM



“ Marsha,
I am sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I remember her well all thru school. I think I remember everybody's parents that I graduated with, as well as everyone I went to church with. Life has passed way too fast, and losing our loved ones is never easy. I am thinking about you and your brother at this time.

Mary Wright Morris

Mary Wright Morris - June 25, 2014 at 08:49 PM



“ Marsha and Burns, so sorry to hear about your mother. She was such a beautiful lady. Our prayers are with your family. God bless you all. Bill an Tressia (Felan)Stephens

Tressia Felan Stephens - June 25, 2014 at 08:11 PM



“ She was a wonderful person. So sorry for your loss.

janie collings - June 25, 2014 at 06:43 PM



“ Marsha and Burns, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May your memories give you comfort and peace. My prayers are with you.

Judy Irwin Weaver - June 25, 2014 at 05:18 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. She was a very special person to me. Such sweet memories of her. Craig and I send our love and prayers

vermelle thomson - June 25, 2014 at 05:00 PM



“ Saying goodbye to Betty is one of the hardest things I have ever done. She was like a second Mother to me and I loved her dearly. She ALWAYS encouraged me, believed in me and loved me and for that I will be eternally grateful. Burns and Marsha, my heart is with you both and I love you. Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers.

Sharon (Cook) Brown - June 25, 2014 at 11:55 AM



“ Burns, I am so very sorry to hear about your mother. I know your wonderful memories of her will endure for your lifetime. Thinking of you at this time of sorrow.

Brenda Spivey Anderson - June 25, 2014 at 08:12 PM