



Bettye Jo Rushing

February 19, 1942 - April 10, 2020

Bettye Jo (Johnson) Rushing, a longtime resident of Wynnewood, Oklahoma, passed from this life on Friday, April 10, 2020 in Norman, Oklahoma. Bettye was born on February 19, 1942, in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, to Tommie L. and Gladys P. Johnson. Bettye spent her younger years in Wynnewood and spoke fondly of family memories that included large holiday gatherings and family reunions. She completed her education and graduated from Wynnewood High School in 1959. She also attended and graduated from the Dallas School of Business. Bettye worked for many years at Kerr McGee Corporation and then later worked for the State of Oklahoma at Pauls Valley State School, caring for individuals with developmental disabilities. Prior to her retirement from the State of Oklahoma, she became a foster grandparent and continued in that role after her retirement. She enjoyed working with children in the Wynnewood School system, especially helping them with their reading skills. More recently, she took part in an intergenerational preschool education program at Grace Living Center - Norman, where she resided. She looked forward to greeting Pre-K children and helping them with various activities. Bettye loved cooking, eating, and being on the go. She enjoyed playing solitaire and other card games, doing word search puzzles, playing dominoes, watching game shows on television, going to the casino, and talking with family and friends. She also loved watching sporting events, especially OU and when her grandkids played. She was a Girl Scout troop leader, member of the Wynnewood Savages Booster Club, and a member and secretary of the Order of the Eastern Star Faith Chapter 55.OES for 20+ years. She was a member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church and adored her church family. While living at Grace, she enjoyed her church family at Northgate Baptist Church in Norman, OK. Her parents Tommie and Gladys Johnson, brothers, Tommie L. Johnson and Koehlar Johnson, sister Meredith Sue (Johnson) Curry, grandson, Kevin Johnson Jr., infant granddaughter Cameo Pearl Brown, and sister-in-law Thelma Johnson preceded Bettye in death. She is survived by her son Kevin Joe Johnson of Wynnewood, OK; daughters, Chantay L. Carter Allen and husband, H. DeWayne Allen of Wynnewood, OK; Tristen C. Rushing of Ardmore, OK; 10 grandchildren, Elaxis, Alika, LaBryant, Stephen, Challen, Devin, Justyce, Pete, E-Tre, and Desmond; 7 great-grandchildren, Lexy, Kali, Sophia, Carter, Kamdyn, Micah, and Cason; brothers, Clinton Johnson and wife, Vernetta, of Oklahoma City; and Dwyar

Johnson and wife, Teresa, of Wynnewood, OK; sister-in-law Shirlee Johnson of Oklahoma City; brother-in-law, Bob Curry of Wynnewood, OK; dear friend Maria Jones of Oklahoma City; and many other relatives and friends.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions, individual visitation will be at Wooster Funeral Home (1601 South Chickasaw, Pauls Valley, OK 73075), beginning at 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Wednesday, April 15, 2020. A small graveside celebration with family and close friends will occur on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 1 p.m. at Hopewell Cemetery. A larger memorial service/celebration of life will be planned later when social gathering restrictions have been lifted. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made in memory of Bettye Rushing to Grace Living Center Activities Fund (4554 W Main Street, Norman, OK 73072). The family would like to extend their deepest appreciation to everyone at Grace Living Center - Norman for their wonderful care and friendship over the last several years. You may send condolences to the Family to www.woosterfuneralhome.com

Events

APR Visitation 10:00AM - 04:00PM

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Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)
1601 South Chickasaw, Pauls Valley, OK, US

APR Graveside Service 01:00PM

16
Hopewell Cemetery
North Of Wynnewood, OK, US

Comments



“ I am very sorry for your loss, my mother Judye shared a lunch room table with Bettye at Grace. I know my mom will miss her company and friendship as well as their time together with the pre-k students. May peace and comfort find you in this difficult time.

Kevin Jackson
Norman OK

Kevin Jackson - April 18 at 10:42 AM



“ Thank you! I will miss celebrating birthdays and baking cakes for her ‘dining room friends.’ When you have a chance, hug your momma for me. She, too, is a special lady!

Maria Jones - April 28 at 10:45 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear about Miss Betty. She was a special lady and became a Grand at Grace Livjng. She captured one little girls heart and they became special friends. Kadence time at school was always looking forward to being with her Ms. Betty. Her compassion and caring for Ms. Betty made their friendship very special with this lady that had a beautiful spirit. She will now have a special angel in her heart as we will miss her. Thank you Ms Betty and you can now fly free and know you were loved. The Brown Family



Lynda Brown - April 16 at 11:36 PM



“ She so enjoyed working with the kids. Thank you for sharing this picture.

Maria Jones - April 28 at 10:42 PM



“ Roger Fields lit a candle in memory of Bettye Jo Rushing





“ Sure gonna miss her she was such a great women had a lot of memories at SORC with her prayers for the whole family love y'all

Jackie and Alex Gibson - April 16 at 04:51 PM



“ Brenda(Cothren)Roby lit a candle in memory of Bettye Jo Rushing



Brenda(Cothren)Roby - April 16 at 12:43 AM



“ Betty saying " We will miss you." is an enormous lack of justice when describing the profound sadness that our family is feeling from the loss of you.No words nor tears can express the pain that our families hearts are feeling, As Cheryl says: "It just doesn't seem real." As I say: "This is like a bad dream that I cannot wake up from."

Our family will forever cherish your bright smile and warmest laughter. Your love for catfish and tartar sauce. Let us not leave out Mexican food. My excitement about February being your birthday February 19th, my birthday February 20th, Black History Month and Valentines Day all in such order will no longer be quite the same. I will always cherish the potholders that you had someone to crotchet for me. You surprised me so much when Christian and I brought you your birthday present February 19th and you were waiting with one for me. Little did we know that this would be the last time that we would be together on this side of Glory. I speak for each of your cousins, we are so very thankful for the time in which God allowed us to be together as family.For you our family shalt not mourn, but for those you left behind we shall mourn for.

Betty my February Birthday Cousin I have the consolation of knowing that you and my mother affectionately known to you as "Aunt Myrtle" are now one in the same. No more wheel chairs and no more pain. The two you can just " Walk Around Heaven" just as much as your hearts desire each day.:

Your loving cousins,

Anita and the Gresham Family



Anita E Gresham - April 15 at 02:22 PM



“ Our condolences to the family, you’re in our prayers during this time we’re in. May God peace be with you
Darnell & Cassandra Poteat



Cassandra - April 15 at 10:01 AM



“ Betty was my dear friend. We shared many laughs and fun times. I will miss her laughter and sweet smile. Behold the face of our Saviour. Rejoice!!

Mary Jo - April 15 at 12:15 AM



“ I only knw Bettye through my daughter Maria who loved her dearly. I can only imagine the pain all of you have gone through not being able to be with her and with each other when you needed each other the most. You can rest assured now that she is rejoicing with old friends and family and meeting so many new friends and you know is the belle of the ball! Can you see how happy she is now that she is free again? My heart goes out to all of you.
Joyce Toney



Joyce Toney - April 14 at 07:50 PM



“ Betty Jo was a fantastic athlete when she was at WHS! When she was on the basketball floor she could run and shoot like a pro. What a lovely and kind friend to all! We will all miss her!

Martha Baker - April 13 at 02:06 PM



“ I love my Sister Bettye...I will Miss her.

Michael L. Williams - April 14 at 05:37 PM



“ I sure will miss her we had some great memories when we worked at SORC love to all

Jackie and Alex Gibson - April 15 at 02:37 PM