



Betty Vaughn Pettey Bradford

July 8, 1928 - May 29, 2017

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1928 – 2017

Betty was born in Lubbock, July 8, 1928, to Ruth, an active Junior League, Lubbock Women's Club and Garden Club member. Her father, Dr. Weston A. Pettey, was an optometrist who was active in the Lubbock Lion's Club. She always wanted to be born on July 4--she missed it by 4 days but in 1976 she became known as "Betty Bi-centennial." She kept that name until a cold day in November of 1995 when her granddaughter, Gentiliska Parker, joined her little family. From that day forward she was known as "Muzzy." Muzzy graduated from Lubbock High in 1946. She would often sing the first line of the Westerner's school song. In 1950, she graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in Home Economics. She married the love of her life, Dr. John R. Bradford in September of 1954. When "Brad" became Dean of Engineering at Texas Technological College in 1956, she found her second love in Texas Tech. She was active in the Faculty Women's Club.

Muzzy loved her community too. She and Brad were charter members of Second Baptist Church. She volunteered in the Gift Shop, Health Point, and Seniors are Special of University Medical Center from opening day until 2016. She served on the Foundation Board as well as served as president of the Auxiliary. Like her mother, she was active in the Lubbock Women's Club. She took great pride in her daughters Penny and Heather and granddaughter,

Gentiliska, named after Brad's mother. Betty loved to play bridge and 42. Her handwork was a favorite hobby, including the lost art of tatting, which she often demonstrated at the Ranching Heritage Center. She loved her neighbor Karen's grandchildren Riley, Tater, and Cotton Ball. She served as president as well as parliamentarian of her philanthropic organization Chapter CF of the PEO Sisterhood. She loved Texas Tech Football and was always on the front row with Carolyn Taylor for the coach's radio show. She treasured the autographed picture given to her by Kliff Kingsbury. She could be found each day "holding court" at Market Street. She loved life and socializing with friends right up to her last minute. We will all miss her.

She is survived by her daughter, Heather Dru Bradford; and granddaughter, Gentiliska Parker. She was predeceased by "her Brad" in January, 2007 and her daughter, Penny in July, 2016.

Services will be Friday, June 2, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Sanders Funeral Home. Graveside service immediately following at Resthaven Cemetery, Lubbock, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to PEO Sisterhood, Chapter CF c/o Debbie Warmoth, 909 Canterbury, Wolfforth, TX 79382 or the John R. Bradford Chair at Texas Tech University Whitacre College of Engineering.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memorial Park

5740 West 19th. St.
Lubbock, TX 79407

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

BW

“ I will always miss and love my Aunt Betty, who was such a part of our family.

bob whipple - March 05, 2018 at 04:27 PM

NR

“ Heather, It is hard to know that my friend Betty will no longer be "there" with her smile and knowledge of the past where Lubbocki is concerned. Will miss her face at the gatherings where she always was. Give Missy G. a hug for me.
my love and prayers,
Nell Rhodes Revier

Nell Revier - June 02, 2017 at 11:22 AM

JB

“ Betty was a member of RSVP for over 25 years. Her time and commitment to the Lubbock community will never be forgotten.
Peace. Joan B at Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

Joan Blackmon - June 02, 2017 at 09:07 AM

JV

“ Your mother was one of the kindest, classiest women I have ever known. She had a wonderful sense of humor. She and Dean Bradford were such an important part of my life for so many years.
Penny and Heather, you will be in my prayers.
Jenny (Coke) Verkamp

Jenny Verkamp - June 01, 2017 at 02:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Vaughn Pettey Bradford.*



June 01, 2017 at 10:15 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Vaughn Pettey Bradford.*



May 31, 2017 at 02:36 PM



“ *One night the Muz, Heather and a few more friends were at my house chatting and the Muz made a statement "I haven't got around to it yet". I had just bought a ceramic round about the size of a silver dollar that said on it "round tuit". I showed it to her and she loved it so much she took it with her. Her laughter made us all happy. We will all cherish the memories the Muz brought to us. Dan Warren*

Dan Warren - May 31, 2017 at 01:50 PM