



Betty Jo McNeil

December 11, 1919 - February 7, 2019

Betty Jo McNeil, age 99, went to see Jesus at 7:59pm on Thursday, February 7, 2019, with her dearly loved granddaughter Grace McNeil and children, Wayne and Diane at her side in her home in Lubbock, Texas. She was born in Boswell, Okla on Dec. 11, 1919 to Harrison Newell Watson and Grace Olive Furlong Watson. She moved to Ralls, Texas in her early years where she graduated valedictorian of her class. On his last day of college in 1939, Buck McNeil met her walking on campus, soon decided she was the love of his life, and they married in Washington D.C. in 1941. There she worked for Congressman George Mahon in his office while Buck was in the FBI during WWII. After he finished law school they moved back to Lubbock where she raised her children and served as a Sunday School teacher for college students and young married couples. She was ever so grateful to her Lord Jesus for His death on the cross for her. There was never a greater example of kindness, gentleness, and totally accepting love than our mom and grandmother. Being loved completely by Buck, their example influenced many young people throughout their lives. Betty was quiet, but after spending any time at all with her, your spirit came away calmed and feeling loved. She spent much of her later years with her grandchildren who lived on her block, Betty Grace, 18 (named after her,) Angel Michelle, 16, and Carolyn Faith McNeil, 12. They all helped her as her health declined and were the joy of her life. Those left to cherish her memory are children, Diane Dittrich, Buck Wayne McNeil M.D., Dan McNeil, and Kenneth McNeil, grand- and great-

grandchildren. She was preceded in death by husband, Buck McNeil, a daughter, Carolyn, in 1959 who was born on Buck's birthday and lived only one day, a sister Kren, and brother Sonny. (A grandchild, also named Carolyn was born on Betty's birthday in 2006.) Services will be at First Baptist Church chapel, Lubbock on Wednesday, February 13, at 3PM with burial at Resthaven to follow. Family visitation will be 6 - 730pm, Tuesday, Feb 12, at Sanders Funeral Home in Lubbock, Texas. Memorials to Trinity Christian School, Lubbock Texas.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **12.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home
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<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

FEB **13.** 3:00 PM.

Ford Chapel - First Baptist Church

Tribute Wall



“ I just found out she passed away, I haven't had the joy of meeting her but found out today she was related to my husband. Sad when we lose touch with family. I hope to meet her kin folk one day. Tami and Barry Watson Haslet Tx. Kin to OL. WATSON and Haskell Josh Watson

Tami Watson - February 14, 2019 at 12:44 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sanders Funeral Home - February 12, 2019 at 03:01 PM

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“ Betty Jo has always been my second Mom! A favorite childhood memory is of my parents, Dale & Neta Elms, playing 42 every Friday night with Buck & Betty Jo!
The four of them traveled on several trips! We had family trips to the mountains!
She will be missed but I am so happy for her that she is with Jesus!
Love from Sue & Beau Wendt and Family

Sue Wendt - February 11, 2019 at 01:20 PM

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“ Your Friends at Covenant Endoscopy purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Betty Jo McNeil.



Your Friends at Covenant Endoscopy - February 11, 2019 at 12:01 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jo McNeil.



February 11, 2019 at 11:31 AM

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“ WHEN WE WOULD GO BY TO SEE BUCK AND BETTY JO THEY WERE ALWAYS SO GLAD TO SEE US. BETTY JO WOULD JUMP UP AND SAY LET'S GO EAT! bUCK WOULD THEN TELL ME SHE WAS HIS BETTY GO. HE SAID SHE DID NOT CARE WHERE. JUST GO! SEE YOU SOON SWEET LADY. THANK YOU FOR CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE OF LOVE.
CONNIE ROBERTS

CONNIE ROBERTS - February 10, 2019 at 09:26 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Jo McNeil.



February 09, 2019 at 03:40 PM