



Betty Gray

March 31, 1940 - July 3, 2012

Betty Gray Betty born March 31, 1940 to Nolan and Lillian Howard Shiflet in Van Zandt County Texas went to be with the Lord Friday, June 29, 2012. Betty was raised in Dallas and graduated from South Oak Cliff High School in 1958. Betty went to college at Sam Houston State University where she met and married her husband, Glen Gray. After college, Betty and Glen moved to Pasadena where she worked at Shell Chemical in Deer Park as an Executive Assistant to the Plant Manager. Betty and Glen have one daughter, Deanna Gray Irwin and one granddaughter, Peyton Mackenzie Irwin, certainly Betty's pride and joy. In 1973, Betty and Glen moved their family back to Huntsville. Betty worked for TDCJ then later owned and operated Calico Kid and Graffiti's retail stores in Huntsville for 8 years. She later returned to TDCJ, from where she retired. Betty was known to be vivacious, very personable and loved visiting with people. Betty was good at and loved telling jokes. She also loved shopping, baking and caring for others. Betty is preceded in death by her father, Nolan Leon Shiflet. She is survived by her mother, Lillian Shiflet, husband Glen Gray, daughter and husband Deanna & Billy Irwin, granddaughter Peyton Mackenzie Irwin, brother and wife Robert L & Lynda Shiflet, brother-in-laws and sister-in-laws Durrell Gray and wife Mary, Maurine Sharp, Alice Lewis and husband Luel, Floyd Gray and wife Barbara and Jeff Gray and wife Denise. Betty also is survived by many nieces and nephews and many close friends. The family will receive visitors Monday, July 2, 2012, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville,

Texas. Funeral services for Betty will be held Tuesday, July 3, 2012, 2:00 p.m., at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, Huntsville, Texas with Reverend Gary Garrison officiating of Second Baptist Church, Huntsville Tx. Interment will follow at Mayes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery in Huntsville. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Gray*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I had no idea Betty passed until right now. I am so sorry to hear this. I loved Betty. She was always so sweet to me. I will pray for the family.*

Shanda Coleman - October 15, 2012 at 11:49 AM



“ *God bless and support the Gray family in this time of need. I worked with Betty many years ago and am saddened to see her pass.*

Pam Tucker - July 09, 2012 at 12:08 PM



“ *Glenn and family,
Please know that you are in my prayers during this difficult time.
Lord, please keep your loving hand on Glenn and his family during their time of grief. Amen.*

Billy Mosley - July 06, 2012 at 10:33 PM

CM

“ Glen, Deanna, Payton, Billy, and Lillian ... we are praying for your loss of Betty. Betty and I worked for years together at TDCJ and were together when our grandchildren, Peyton and Taylor were born. We have kept in touch all these years and I will miss her so. I know she has suffered for years and it will bring us some comfort to know she is suffering no longer but right now the loss overwhelms me as I know it does y'all. I could hear it in your voice Glen and I pray for comfort for you and the family.

Charla Moffett - July 06, 2012 at 12:42 PM

DR

“ To Betty's Family: I knew Betty in grade school and in high school. I graduated with her in the class of 1958 at South Oak Cliff High School. Betty and I lived in the same neighborhood and worked together at Wyatt's Grocery Store on Lancaster Road in Oak Cliff. She was a very personable friend and we had many good times and fond memories. She was always willing to help in Church, work or school and I know she is in a better place. Dannah Rose, Class of '58

Dannah Rose - July 06, 2012 at 10:23 AM

JR

“ Glen and Deanna I'm so sorry to hear about your wife and your mother. She was a wonderful lady and loved you both so much. My heart go's out to the both of you. I will keep you both in my prayers. Love Always, Judy Rowe

judy rowe - July 05, 2012 at 07:24 PM

CJ

“ Glen and family sorry for your loss you are in my prayers. Charles M. Lee Jr.

Charles M. Lee Jr - July 04, 2012 at 12:11 AM

VE

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bettys death. I worked at TDC and remember her for her cheerfulness even when things were not so good. You and your family are in my prayers.

Vicki Pledger Easley - July 03, 2012 at 01:05 PM

JF

“ Betty and I attended elementary school together in Edgewood, Texas before her family moved to Dallas. She and I became fast friends and although we didn't get to see each other often, talked on the phone and handled many of life's goings on over the phone. Lillian was a friend of our family and Betty was so devoted to her. Her pride and joy was her daughter and granddaughter and she spoke of them each time we talked. She was so proud of Glen's talent of making lawn furniture. I will miss talking to her.

Joyce Cotton Foster - July 03, 2012 at 10:17 AM

TS

“ Glen and Deanna, Henry and I send our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Betty was a very sweet and thoughtful person. She also was so wonderful at Calico Kid with assisting Henry with a homecoming outfit when our first child was born and also with calling me with condolences and sending flowers upon our daughter's death four years later. We always talked when we met each out and about town; she was always upbeat and joyful. We pray that God will keep and comfort you in these difficult days.

Thelma Spikes - July 02, 2012 at 06:55 PM

GC

“ Glen, I was so sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Gaye Clements - July 02, 2012 at 05:42 PM

MF

“Glen, Deanna, Billy, Peyton: We are so sorry for the loss of Betty. She was always such a sweet and caring person. Each time one of my four children (Bobby II, Heather & Heath and Justin Wiley) were born, she helped me pick out their "going home" outfits. Recently my daughter, Heather Wiley Christian, was pregnant with twins. I told her I sure wished she still had her store so she could help me pick out "going home" outfits for my twin grandchildren. She told me she would be honored to shop for them and I could pay her back. She picked out the sweetest outfits and my daughter loved them. Our last visit was long. She told me how she loved Deanna being her daughter and so glad that Deanna had Peyton. Her eyes always lit up when she talked about Deanna and Peyton. We laughed and reminisced about our families, the store and TDCJ. Betty was such an amazing woman. She had the ability to make everyone laugh and enjoy life when she was around. I know you will miss this great lady because she was such a wonderful person. Thank you Lord for sharing this beautiful and sweet lady in our lives. I know she had a special mansion in Heaven awaiting her arrival! We are praying for your family.

Mellicent Wiley (TDCJ HR) & Family - July 02, 2012 at 05:34 PM

RN

“My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Rita Newman - July 02, 2012 at 05:25 PM

KK

“ Deanna, Glen, and family,

I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your wonderful mother and wife. I remember growing up down the street from you very fondly and have several recipes that your Mom gave mine that were delicious and that were passed on to me. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. God Bless.

Kristie Bradley Kelarek - July 02, 2012 at 04:46 PM

FC

“ So sorry of your loss. Betty was a beautiful lady. May she rest in peace.

Florence Cox - July 02, 2012 at 03:38 PM

JB

“ Glen,

Our family is so very sorry for your loss. I have wonderful memories of you & Betty over at my Aunt Helen's & Uncle O.C.'s house on Fish Hatchery; and at the dances in my dad's shop. Those were such good times! It has been many years since I have seen Betty but I am sure she was still the sweetest & kindest person! I would spend hours in Calico Kid shopping for my children and loved to visit her & her store! Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless...

Jamie & Don Brinegar

Jamie Ellsior Brinegar - July 02, 2012 at 02:30 PM

SR

“ Gray Family, I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss. I worked with Betty for several years (TDCJ-Programs and Services). She was always helpful and kind to me and I most especially loved to hear her laugh. She and I shared the "bond" of trying to figure out the mysterious symptoms we both seemed to have and I appreciated having someone working with me who knew what that was like. My thoughts and prayers are with you and may she rest in peace.

Sherry Richardson - July 02, 2012 at 01:43 PM

NW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Betty was always smiling and laughing. That's the way I will always remember her. You are in our prayers, and thoughts. May the Lord bless you, keep you and give you peace. Nan and Steve Wells (Madisonville)

Nan Wells - July 02, 2012 at 11:20 AM

KO

“ Deanna, I am so sorry to hear of you mother. May God keep you through this time of loss.

Kay Owens - July 02, 2012 at 10:40 AM

BW

“ Glen and family,
We were sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Bobby and Cathy Warren

bobby warren - July 02, 2012 at 08:43 AM

MM

“ Dear Glen, Deanna, Billy, and Peyton
I write this with a sad heart over the loss of my dear cousin Betty.
We have been so close over the all these years and her loss is hard
to take. I know she is now in a better place and her suffering is over.
We will see you soon.
Love,
Mickey, Regena, and Family

Mickey and Regena Morris - July 02, 2012 at 12:42 AM

BM

“ I want to give my condolences to Deanna and family. Betty was
responsible for me getting my first job at TDCJ in 1990. She took
me under her wing and made me feel like part of a family. I was not
familiar with the Huntsville area at the time so she took me for a tour
around Huntsville to show me all the significant places. I will never
forget her. She was a very special lady and will be missed. Thank
you Betty!

Barbara Morton - July 02, 2012 at 12:06 AM

KS

“ Glen, Deanna, Peyton and Billy...know that Betty blessed so many
of us with her Classy style and awesome sense of humor. It was
always a party being in her presence. May the Lord cradle you in
his loving arms during this difficult time.

Kathy Smith - July 01, 2012 at 11:36 PM

SC

“ Betty was a very good friend through elementary school (Lisbon/Dallas) and high school (South Oak Cliff/Dallas). She was a wonderful person and her many friends from Lisbon, SOC and our SOC Red Hats group will miss her so much. My love and prayers are sent to Glen, Deanna, Peyton, Robert and the rest of her family.

Sonja Jones Callicott

Sonja Callicott - July 01, 2012 at 10:30 PM

DM

“ Aloha Glen,
I can't even imagine your loss, Your wife was a wonderful woman, I smile when I think of her and am crying as I write this. She will be missed. My condolences go out to you Robert & Lynda and your loss. Deanna & Peyton I'm sorry for your loss, she was taken too soon.

All our love,
Don & Penny

Don & Penny Merryman - July 01, 2012 at 03:31 PM

SS

“ Glynn and Deanna, I am so saddened as I write this message. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your families. I know she and Mother (Marci) are "catching up" on "old times" they shared together. I will always remember her sweet smile and fun laugh. Take care, my heart goes out to you. God bless, Shelly (Barnes) Stover- Madisonville

shelly stover - July 01, 2012 at 12:02 PM

PC

“ I graduated from SOC with Betty and remember her as vivacious and beautiful. I will miss her happiness and know that she is in the arms of her Lord and Savior. My prayers are with her family. God be with you all.

Pat. Davis Curtis SOC class 1958

Pat. Davis Curtis - July 01, 2012 at 09:55 AM

TS

“ My dear friend, Betty Gray. I love you and will miss you dearly. We never got to have our last lunch together as we had planned so many times. We worked and played together for many years. You are the best joke teller in the world. You made me laugh so many times. Now you can make your friends in Heaven laugh. Love and prayers to all of your family. RIP, Betty Gray.

Terri Salmasi - June 30, 2012 at 07:30 PM

BE

“ Deanna and family- Sorry to hear about your mom.

Bev - June 30, 2012 at 03:38 PM

PN

“ I am so sorry. You all are in my prayers. I went to High School with Betty. She was a sweet person. Hugs

Peggy Croft Norman - June 30, 2012 at 03:02 PM

SG

“ Glen, Deanna, Billy and Peyton,

Greg and I are deeply saddened by our family's loss. One thing that brings us comfort and peace is knowing Betty's fight is over. We love you all very much and are praying for you. We will see you soon. Love and Peace be with you.

Shelley and Greg - June 30, 2012 at 01:29 PM

JD

“ *I am deeply burdened. You had a wonderful person in Betty. My heart and prayers truly go out to you. I love you.*

Joy Daly

Joy Daly - June 30, 2012 at 08:57 AM

JM

“ *Glynn, Deanna, Billy & Peyton; we are praying for you in the loss of your sweet Betty. What a gem she was! God bless you.*

Jim & Linda McKenzie - June 29, 2012 at 06:59 PM