



Betty Walden Francis

January 7, 1930 - March 18, 2024

Betty Simpson Walden (94) walked through the Pearly Gates and saw Jesus face to face on Monday morning, March 18, 2024.

Betty was born in San Antonio, TX on January 7, 1930, to Cyrus Dean Simpson and Dulce Vaughn Simpson. She graduated from Hot Wells High School in 1949. Afterward she attended the Stamps Baxter School of Music and Howard Payne University where she was in the Drum and Bugle Core. Betty finished her Bachelor of Education Degree at Stephen F. Austin State University. Later in her Education career Betty received her Master's Degree from Prairie View A&M with a Reading Specialties concentration. Betty met Earl Walden while attending her home church, Riverside Baptist Church, when Earl was a Sargent in the USAF stationed at Lackland Airforce Base in San Antonio, TX. Earl and Betty were married March 10, 1956. They were blessed with two children, Jennifer and Jeffrey.

Betty had a wonderful teaching career that spanned 25 years. She began teaching First Grade at Little Cypress Elementary School in the Little Cypress Mauriceville ISD in Orange, TX. She ended her career with Katy ISD as a First Grade Teacher at the Katy Elementary School in Katy, TX. There are numerous occasions, too many to mention and probably more that are unknown where Betty went above and beyond for her students. Many former students have made Betty aware of how special she was and how impactful her influence as their First Grade Teacher was on the rest of their education. It is a testament to her passion for teaching that she is remembered to this day

by her former students and fellow educators with such love and gratitude. Betty was a Lifelong Adventurer. She had many titles in her life of 94 years, Wife, Mother, Sister, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Aunt, Teacher, Friend, Traveler, Lover of Gospel Music, Bridge Player, Piano Player, and most importantly, Follower of Jesus Christ. Betty had many grand adventures, she traveled extensively which took her all over the world! From a 45-day trip traveling Europe with friends, seeing all 50 States, more cruises than she could count on her fingers and toes that took her to places like Nova Scotia, St. Petersburg, Russia and the Alaskan coast. She loved the Iditarod and even rode on a dog sled for the Ceremonial Start to the race. She sponsored Sled Dogs and made trips to Alaska for many years. Betty loved to sing and loved Gospel Music, she drove miles and miles to attend the National Gospel Quartet Convention for many years. Most recently, Betty was a member of Mims Baptist Church and enjoyed participating in Choir and attending Sunday services until she was no longer able.

Betty is preceded in death by her husband Earl T. Walden, Jr.; her Parents, Cyrus and Dulce Simpson; Brother and Sister in Law, Deane and Lanell Simpson.

Betty is survived by her children, Jennifer Walden Abbrat and her husband, Kurt, Jeffrey Simpson Walden and his wife, Linda. Grandchildren, Cali Marie Walden Hix and husband Jeremy, Alexandria Katelyn Abbrat, Austin Kendall Abbrat and wife Ryli. Great Grand Children, Audrey Alice Hix and Walden Jack Hix and many nieces and nephews..

Betty will be laid to rest beside her husband, Earl in the Campground Cemetery located in Woodville. Texas.

In lieu of flowers, you are invited to donate to the Buckner Adoptions Services, 700 North Pearl St., Suite 1200, Dallas, TX. 75201, Telephone 800-442-4800 in her memory.

Cemetery Details

Campground Cemetery

201 County Road 2075
Woodville, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Montgomery
20850 Eva. St.
Montgomery, TX 77356

Graveside Service

MAR 22. 3:00 PM (CT)

Campground Cemetery
201 County Road 2075
Woodville, TX

Tribute Wall

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“ Although two years have passed since Betty left this life, I have only recently learned of her passing. Despite the distance of time and geography, our friendship remained steadfast. Betty was a frequent visitor to Alaska for the Iditarod, serving as a dedicated supporter of my team and me. She treated both man and dog with the deepest respect. Betty Walden was—and is—a truly righteous soul, and I am profoundly grateful for her friendship. Her family is blessed to have had her in their lives, and I find comfort knowing that, in due time, a joyful reunion awaits.



Gary Bryan Jones - April 25 at 09:56 AM



“ I have known Betty since I was 18. I have seen Betty various times throughout my life over many years. Betty always had a big smile on her face and a sparkle in her eyes. It was always clear that Betty's heart was overflowing with joy, love, and kindness. I know that kind of eternal joy comes from our Lord Jesus Christ. :)

Betty's passing is a great loss to this human world but a huge gain for Heaven. I bet the Angels are still singing about her arrival. I am thankful she is at eternal peace. Prayers going up for her family and many loved ones,,, sending lots of love...

Alisha DeLozier - March 21, 2024 at 07:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Walden Francis.*



March 21, 2024 at 09:49 AM



“ *The Ruffins purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Betty Walden Francis.*



The Ruffins - March 21, 2024 at 09:06 AM



“ *Jamie and Diane purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Betty Walden Francis.*



Jamie and Diane - March 20, 2024 at 07:21 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Walden Francis.*



March 20, 2024 at 01:39 PM

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“ *Standifer Cousins Kevin Charles Cynthia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Walden Francis.*

Standifer Cousins Kevin Charles Cynthia - March 20, 2024 at 01:39 PM