



Elizabeth Lou (Betty Lou) Lay

April 28, 1945 - October 31, 2016

She is survived by her husband, Mick Lay; children, Kevin Lockley, his wife Gaye and their three sons (Kyle, Justin and Caden) Brooke Lockley-Tyson, her husband Jeff and their two daughters (Carly and Samantha) Anne Lay-Burgard, her husband Anthony and their two sons (Thomas and Pierce) Mick (Bubba) Lay, his wife Brenda and their three sons (Carl, Wesley and Spencer); sister: Jon-Ann Andrews, her two sons Michael Walling (wife Melissa) and Brad Walling (wife Melisa and their two daughters Hunter and Sydney) and her favorite child: Missy (Boston Terrier)

Betty Lou was born in Houston, Texas on April 28, 1945 to Clarence "Fats" and Wanda Rheinlander. She graduated from Bellaire High School in 1963 before going to Sam Houston State University and becoming a proud member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She graduated with her BS degree and teaching children was one of her greatest passions. After 26 years of educating America's youth she retired in 2001. I know the children she missed, but her fellow "choir" members were held closest to her heart until the end. After retiring, she and Mick built their dream house on Lake Conroe and moved to Montgomery in 2008. I know she truly enjoyed each and every day she had with Mick just sitting on the patio watching the deer walk by, or Missy chasing lizards until she just couldn't run any longer. Her sister, children, and grandchildren were the light of her life, and anyone who had a conversation with her was going to hear about one accomplishment or another by one of

them. She truly never met a stranger and would start a conversation with anyone she encountered. If anyone needed a sidekick to go to Vegas I know just the lady. Her eyes lit up at the sight of a three card poker or Let-It-Ride table. Hopefully heaven has a great IT department because technology always escaped her and I know she wants to let us all know she's okay. We're just not sure when she will get to heaven, as I'm sure she scheduled a brief stop in Vegas on the way.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Assistance League of Conroe, 126 North San Jacinto St., Conroe, Texas 77301 or to The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center P. O. Box 4486, Houston, Texas 77210-4486 and in memo of check indicate , Development Office Breast Cancer Research, or visit www.mdanderson.org/gifts.

A celebration of her life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on November 19th at the Montgomery United Methodist Church, 22548 Highway 105 West, Montgomery. Texas 77356, with a reception to follow. You may leave written messages of condolence to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration

NOV 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

Montgomery United Methodist Church
Montgomery, TX 77356

RECEPTION

NOV 19 (CT)

Montgomery United Methodist Church
Montgomery, TX 77356

Tribute Wall



“ *Elizabeth Lou (Betty Lou) Lay*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Laura And Bruce Jarrett lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Lou (Betty Lou) Lay*



Laura and Bruce Jarrett - November 19, 2016 at 12:37 PM



“ *Scott Micheletti lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Lou (Betty Lou) Lay*



scott micheletti - November 18, 2016 at 06:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Lou (Betty Lou) Lay.*



November 15, 2016 at 01:30 PM

RF

“ *Rimkus Consulting Group Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Elizabeth Lou (Betty Lou) Lay.*



Rimkus Consulting Group Family - November 15, 2016 at 12:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Lou (Betty Lou) Lay.*



November 12, 2016 at 09:31 PM

BV

“ *Betty and I share so many fun-filled times, from working together at Stafford schools to the Assistance League when we moved to Conroe. She had this sense of humor that you just could not resist. I remember when I worked side by side with her the first time at Assistance League. She made a point of telling me I could work with her as long as I understood that she ran the cash register. Then she would laugh that deep laugh that everyone loved so well. Oh, Betty....All of us will truly miss you.*

Beverly Villarreal - November 07, 2016 at 06:47 PM

DA

“ I got to know Betty well through our ladies bunko group. She was such a hoot! The year I was President-elect of Assistance League, she was my go-to shoulder to cry on. But mostly I loved talking to Betty. She had such energy and such enthusiasm and was always honest and out-spoken, but done with a sense of humor. I just loved her. She always said she needed to start going to church and I always told her I'd go with her. So I'd ask her, "Betty, are you ready to go to church this month?" I'm sorry we never made it.

Dot Anderson - November 07, 2016 at 05:28 PM



Thank you for offering to go to church with her. She loved to go to our church when she visited us in Minnesota. We went to church when I was growing up. When I visited my mom the week before she passed away, she was feeling much better & along with talking about future trips she wanted to go on, she also said she was going to start going to the Walden church. Unfortunately, it's been years since she's had a church that she felt connected to, but she always loved Jesus and lived her life in a way that I believe made Him proud (well, most of the time ;)). The day she passed away, we saw light in her eyes until the pastor prayed over her. When he asked God to keep her safe in His arms, her heart rate shot up from 100BPM to 180BPM & alarms started going off. He finished the prayer, I looked in her eyes & although her heartbeat & breath were still there for several more hours, there was no question that her soul was safe in God's arms. Thanks for being a good friend to my mamma. I miss her like crazy, but so happy that she is out of pain & probably two- steppin' through heaven. I haven't seen her & Mick dance in years, but I always loved to watch 'em when they did. :)

Brooke Tyson - November 08, 2016 at 11:50 AM

 Lin
Heathcock

“ Such a wonderful & sweet woman. She was a great teacher & friend.

Lin Heathcock - November 07, 2016 at 02:39 PM

JC

“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs. Lockley Lay. I had the pleasure of being one of her 6th grade students at Stafford M.S. She had a way of making people feel very special. I know she made me feel special. She was energetic, funny and made learning easy. Her laugh was so awesome! I would hear her laugh and would laugh myself without knowing what was so funny. She had a beautiful smile and I remember thinking that she was just a strong, classy lady. I had the pleasure of meeting her beautiful daughter Brooke who was just as sweet as her mother. I remember her proudly showing pictures of Brooke and Kevin. She bragged on her children often. It is a blessing to hear that her family grew! My prayers go out to you all. She touched many lives I know and I am blessed to have been one of those.



Jo Droddy-Chenier

Jo Chenier - November 07, 2016 at 10:12 AM



Thank you for the sweet note. You absolutely nailed it on your description of my momma. I would've loved to have had her for much longer, but I feel so blessed to have had 41 yrs with her as my mom.

Brooke Tyson - November 08, 2016 at 12:27 PM

DG

“ Mick, I miss Betty Lou and her sweet phone calls so much. I can't begin to imagine how you and the rest of the family feel. I know you must feel blessed to have such wonderful and treasured memories I'll hold her in my heart...and will continue to remember her as one of the best friends ever My heart breaks for all of you. Love and hugs,, Dora

Dora F. Grider - November 07, 2016 at 08:56 AM

JD

“ I got to know Mrs. Lay from stafford school , what a wonderful person ,we became friends, she has the biggest smile , my heart goes out to her family. Joyce Dorn

joyce dorn - November 06, 2016 at 11:33 PM

KR

“ I lovingly remember the day Mick and Betty Lou married! Jim performed the wedding ceremony in Jon-Ann's backyard. I cherish the friendship we have shared over the years! Knowing Betty Lou brings a smile to my heart!
Love to you all! She loved each of so very much! Hugs and prayers!!
Kathy Ratcliff

Kathy Ratcliff - November 06, 2016 at 10:22 PM

RR

What an awesome lady and friend. She loved her family and friends deeply. I was privileged to be one of her"choir" member friends when we worked together at Stafford MSD. I cherish memories of Betty Lou and Mick.

Rita Rotan - November 07, 2016 at 10:01 PM

OR

“ Mrs. Lay taught me many things as a middle schooler, most importantly was to always carry myself with class and dignity. I have not seen her for quite a few years but I pray in the knowledge that she has gone with the Lord. Prayers from my siblings(her former students) and myself, a teacher now at Stafford.

Oseas Romero - November 06, 2016 at 10:11 PM

JL

“ I still can hardly believe that we have lost our dear Betty Lay. One of our Assistance League members, she was always the bright spot in my day when I saw her at the Thrift Shop, where we were volunteers. I will forever remember Betty as witty and funny and will cherish her friendship and the time we spent together. May God bless and comfort you all during this difficult time.

Janita Love

Janita Love - November 06, 2016 at 08:47 PM

CB

“ To Mick and the rest of Betty Lou's Family: Of course I knew Betty Lou at Bellaire, but I really got to know her better, after you all married, and we started having the reunion planning meetings at your house. I think our 50th Reunion was the best of all. Mick, you and I go way back to Condit Elementary. Bubba and I are thinking about you, and even though you have a heavy heart now, you know that she is now healed and at Peace with the Lord.

Connie Hinshaw Brown - November 06, 2016 at 06:55 PM

KI

“ Betty was the first person I met when I went to interview at Stafford MSD. I remember thinking "I must get this job, because I have to work with this wonderful lady!" Was I ever right! She was one of the most incredible people I have ever met. She was an amazing person, teacher (she taught both of my kids), and especially friend! I will miss her so much!

Kim - November 06, 2016 at 04:58 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Lou (Betty Lou) Lay.*



November 06, 2016 at 01:50 PM



“ *Betty Lou was so much fun to be around. I was not around her very much, but she was a laugh a minute when you were with her. I am Melisa Walling's Mother and I shared with Melisa this weekend about when she was in the hospital in labor giving birth to Hunter and how much fun my other daughter, Michelle and I had with Betty Lou. We were there almost all night, but we were having fun the whole time she was in pain giving birth!! I loved Aunt Boo a bunch!!! I'm so sorry for your loss, but don't you know she and her Mom & Dad are just visiting up a storm right now. She is healed and in a much better place that we are!!!*
Marilyn Nettles

Marilyn Nettles - November 06, 2016 at 10:13 AM

SH

“ Mick, Brooke, Kevin, Jon Ann,

I don't even know where to start with memories. I met her through Stafford schools - she sponsored a youth hang-out and taught many in the classroom. Our Choir Practices were always 'in tune' with her gaiety, and an occasional dip in Sarah's pool. Shame on me for not seeing her more often, but when we would meet, it was as if we were never apart. She filled my heart - everytime. Her laughter was incredible - but her eye rolls were spectacular. Betty Lou and Sarah - I would LOVE to hear who they're talking about now.

sheri

sheri - November 06, 2016 at 09:26 AM

MW

“ *Our dear Aunt Boo, always the life of every gathering. Such a love for life and a personality to match. Her love for friends and family was the best. We will always love and miss Boo. She is celebrating and catching up with those who have gone on before her. Unfortunately her healing could not take place on earth but she is comfortable and at peace now. Forever in our hearts!! Melisa Walling*

melisa walling - November 06, 2016 at 07:47 AM

SR

“ *What a treasure we have lost! There was no one that could spur us on at reunion meetings better than our Betty Lou! And Mick, I am so grateful that you two reunited---just a wonderful couple! My prayers will be for comfort and peace for each of you,, knowing that our friend, wife, mother, and grandmother, is with our Lord and Savior!*
Sandra Rutherford

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melisa walling - November 06, 2016 at 07:31 AM

JB

“ Betty was always smiling, always willing to help anyone. I did not see her often but she left such good memories. God bless her family.

Jeanne bethel - November 06, 2016 at 03:18 AM

 Jean
Zachary

“ Dear Mick, Kevin, Brooke and Jon Ann,
As each of you knows, my HUGE memory box of life with Betty Lou has so very many great memories of the times that I shared with BU (my special name for her!) that I would not try to even list those special times, but, those memories will always remain in my heart and give me comfort. I heard her laugh before I ever saw her in the summer of 1960, as we started our sophomore year at Bellaire and the beginning of the Bellaire Belle summer drill. That signature laugh gave this very shy girl, who was 14 then, the courage to keep walking "down the hall" that summer, and that special "signature" laugh has continued to give me courage over the next 56 years. I think that she and I have shared every special phase of Life; the good, the bad, the joyful and the sad. It was indeed my pleasure and a special blessing in my life. So many memories of my very special friend. Love to each of you as we hold each other in our thoughts and prayers. BU was just so special! Our privilege, and one that I thank God for daily!
Love to each of you,
Jean

Jean Zachary - November 05, 2016 at 07:15 PM

JH

“ Dear Mick, Kevin, Brooke, and Jon Ann and family,

Betty Lou and I have so many happy memories we shared through the years. Here are just a few--slumber parties playing bridge all night, learning to twirl a baton in two weeks!!, marriages, birth of our children, going to Bellaire High School baseball state championship with Jean and Jon Ann in charge (Ha Ha!!!), Belle Senior Trip meeting Davy Crockett!, her visit in Austin to see Jean and me, our visit to Huntsville to see her at college, many lunches, Wurstfest, the list goes on.

All of us will miss our long telephone calls with her and our many Bellaire High School reunions and reunion planning committee meetings.

You have sorrow now, but we will see Betty Lou again in Heaven and our hearts will rejoice again. John 16:22.

Hugs and Kisses,

Jo Harrison

Jo Harrison - November 05, 2016 at 04:38 PM