



Betty Dee Bryson

January 20, 1940 - February 12, 2020

Betty Dee Dillard Bryson was born on January 20, 1940, in Dallas, TX, to Jack Dee and Elizabeth “Betty” Brown Dillard. She passed away on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, in Pilot Point, TX. After graduating from Highland Park High School in 1959, Betty Dee attended what is now known as the University of North Texas and graduated in 1962 with her degree in elementary education.

She met Billy Joe Bryson in 1960 in Denton, TX, and the two married on January 25, 1961, at Perkins Chapel on Southern Methodist University’s campus. They made their home in Frisco, TX, where Betty Dee taught at Frisco Independent School District for 17 years.

In 1984, Billy Joe and Betty Dee, along with her parents, moved Hi Dee Ranch to Pilot Point, TX, where they raised and raced a number of quarter horses, including Fabulous Figure who ran in the 1988 All American Futurity. Together they operated Hi Dee Ranch for the majority of their marriage, raising cattle, horses, kids, and grandkids.

Betty Dee is preceded in death by her parents and her husband. She is survived by her three children: Andrea and husband Craig Larson of Pilot Point, TX; Pamela and husband Eddie Steckler of Pilot Point, TX; and William Matthew and wife Jennifer Bryson of Muenster, TX. Betty Dee was the proud Granny of nine grandchildren: Katie Steckler, Meredith Larson (Troy) Helle, Sarah Steckler, Britt (Ellie) Larson, Natalie Larson, Jolie Bryson, Jaycee Bryson, Stockton Bryson, and Sutton Bryson, as well as four great-

grandchildren: Lexi, Jack, Logan, and Graham.

Although she was an only child, she married into a family of nine children and loved gaining a big family. Betty Dee found joy in being "Aunt Betty" to 10 nieces and nephews and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Betty Dee and Billy Joe enjoyed raising horses together, spending time with their lifelong friends, and watching their children and grandchildren show livestock and play various sports. She loved a good book, shopping for her loved ones, decorating for Christmas, and hosting her family for birthdays and holidays. She created beloved memories on her many trips to South Padre Island with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and best friends Bertha Fuller and Susan Bryson. Her love for her family and friends was fierce and everlasting.

She carried on her parents' legacy of supporting and volunteering at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital. Betty Dee will be remembered for her generous, kind, and loving spirit. For those interested in honoring Betty Dee's memory, please consider making a donation to or volunteering your time at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children www.scottishritehospital.org.

Visitation will be held 4:00PM-6:00PM, Sunday, February 16, 2020 at Slay Memorial Chapel in Aubrey, TX. The funeral service will be held at 2:00PM, Monday, February 17, 2020 at First United Methodist Church in Celina, TX with Don Underwood officiating. Burial will follow at Belew Cemetery in Aubrey, TX. On-line condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

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“ Of all days to find out about my precious friend, Betty Dee. With that in mind, it becomes an opportunity to express love for my friend. We did not live in Frisco very long, but if you ever met Betty Dee, you would remember her fondly. She always smiled, gave hugs and help wherever she went. My heart is so terribly sad. I had not seen her in years but the impression she made upon me, has lasted a lifetime. Rest in peace, sweet angel. I weep for the loss of an awesome individual. May God and His angels enfold and comfort her family and friends. Betty Dee Bryson, absent from the body; present in the arms of our savior, Jesus Christ. Farewell for now, precious one.

Brenda Carrington (Barnes) Smith - February 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Pam, Andrea and Matthew, I wanted to express my deepest sympathies for your family during this time of incredible loss. You know she was a wonderful woman, respected and loved by many. I pray God will bring you peace and comfort as you mourn. Rhonda

Rhonda Watkins - February 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM