



Betty Elaine Clark

May 27, 1946 - November 13, 2023

Memorial services for Betty Elaine Menefee Clark “Maw Maw & Boop”, 77, of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Nick Coleman officiating.

Ms. Clark passed away Monday, November 13, 2023, in Tyler. She was born May 27, 1946, in Beaumont, TX to Melvin Levine Menefee and Martha Elaine Menefee.

Betty grew up in Orange, TX, and attended Orangefield ISD. She was a member of Old First Orange Baptist Church. She received her Bachelor’s degree from East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, TX in May of 1968. She finished her higher education by getting her Master’s degree from Tarleton State University (a member of Texas A&M University) in Stephenville, TX.

Betty married Eddie Joe Clark Sr. of Marshall, TX June 3, 1967. They began a family in 1971 and settled in Hallsville, TX. She was a long-time member of Macedonia Baptist Church in Longview. She began her long-term career at Hallsville High School in 1977. She began as an English teacher and concluded as the High School Principal. During her time at Hallsville, she taught English, theater, speech, forensic club, academic decathlon, and debate. She was with Hallsville ISD for 20+ years.

Based on her passion for education after retirement, she was recruited by Region VII service center to be a state evaluator for Junior and High School principals. She joined The Leadership Alliance for all Texas A&M Campuses for the state of Texas. She helped develop content and write a curriculum for an online website called PACT (Performance-based Academic Coaching Teams). The site was designed to help all educators from novice to veteran teachers and principals. She then went on to e-mentor them for 12 years, and her curriculum is still used to this day.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Melvin and Elaine Menefee. She is survived by her loving family including her brother, Roger Menefee and wife Becky Menefee; sister, Debbie Etheridge and husband Dale Etheridge; and uncle, RJ Stout. She is leaving behind her children and grandchildren: son, Eddie Clark Jr., grandchildren, Caden and Hadleigh Clark; daughter, Christy Smith and husband Jason Smith, grandchildren, Brent Rogers, Brandon and Jessica Rogers, Katelyn Pickens, and Dalton Smith; daughter, Michelle Clark Crawley. Beloved nephews and nieces, Kerry Menefee, Chet Menefee, Lindsey Burch, Kelly Coleman, Erik Etheridge, and Kim Hackey. Beloved friends who she was like a mother and grandmother to Andrea Clark, Trent Williams, Cindy Williams, Madelene Renfroe, and Jacob Williams.

Betty touched hundreds of lives and was loved by many. She will live on in our hearts and cherished memories.

Visitation is scheduled from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Memorial Service

DEC 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Elaine Clark



Stewart Family Funeral Home - November 28, 2023 at 05:23 PM

GS

Though I haven't seen you, Betty, since college at ETBC I see through these pictures and the words written about you that you had a beautiful life. Enjoy Jesus. Georgalu Price

Georgalu P Swoboda - December 07, 2023 at 07:28 PM

LK

“ Love, Kathy amd Syd Keasler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Elaine Clark.

Love, Kathy amd Syd Keasler - December 02, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Betty Elaine Clark.



December 02, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Elaine Clark.



December 01, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ Maurine Wood purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Betty Elaine Clark.



Maurine Wood - December 01, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Elaine Clark.



November 30, 2023 at 09:27 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Elaine Clark.



November 30, 2023 at 06:18 PM



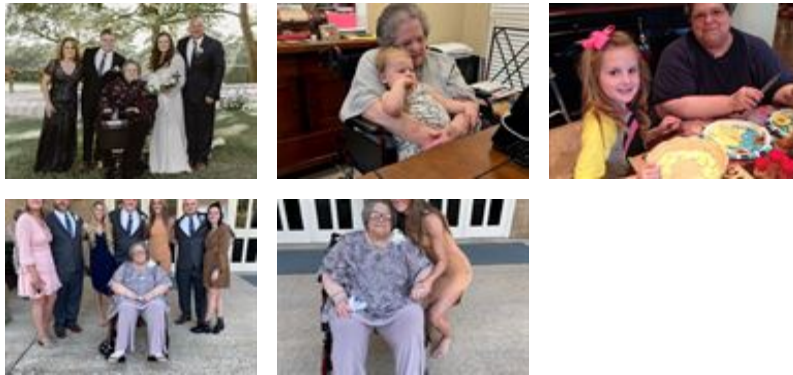
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Elaine Clark.*



November 29, 2023 at 08:51 PM



“ *123 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - November 28, 2023 at 05:22 PM



“ *Betty was married to my cousin Eddie Joe, I always enjoyed being around her, she was always smiling. My parents thought so much of Betty. My heart goes out to all her children, Betty was a sweet person and I know she will be missed every day.*



Debra Clark - November 28, 2023 at 03:47 PM

JG

“ Julia with Merle & Vincent from Germany planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Elaine Clark.

Julia with Merle & Vincent from Germany - November 28, 2023 at 06:43 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Betty Elaine Clark.



November 28, 2023 at 06:43 AM

JW

“ Jean & Wayland planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Elaine Clark.

Jean & Wayland - November 27, 2023 at 10:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Elaine Clark.



November 27, 2023 at 10:07 PM

EW

“ What a wonderful, wonderful woman she was! Caring and loving beyond words. We, my husband and I, were blessed to have her as a neighbor and friend for so many years. Her prayers and support for us were such a blessing and she just made you feel that you were a part of her family. She raised a beautiful and loving family and they too made us feel like family. I will never eat another Egg McMuffin without thinking of her with fond and happy memories. To you, Betty, my hero-never met anyone stronger or more positive. RIP my dear friend. ❤️

Ellen Wilson - November 27, 2023 at 07:15 PM

NC

“ Nancy & Curtis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Elaine Clark.

Nancy & Curtis - November 27, 2023 at 01:14 PM

NC

“ Nancy & Curtis purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Betty Elaine Clark.



Nancy & Curtis - November 27, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Elaine Clark.



November 26, 2023 at 02:50 PM

LP

“ Love, Janie and Paul planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Elaine Clark.

Love, Janie and Paul - November 21, 2023 at 05:15 PM

LP

“ Love, Janie and Paul purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Betty Elaine Clark.



Love, Janie and Paul - November 21, 2023 at 05:15 PM

KL

“ Kelly and Perry Little planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Elaine Clark.

Kelly and Perry Little - November 21, 2023 at 12:56 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Elaine Clark.



November 21, 2023 at 12:56 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Elaine Clark.



November 21, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Betty Elaine Clark.*



November 20, 2023 at 12:39 PM



“ *Mrs. Clark was my vice principal then principal at Hallsville. She was also my debate coach. I was so blessed to have her as a part of my life. I was bullied in school and was introverted. She not only taught me how to stand up for myself but also that it was ok to do so. She will be dearly missed. Rest in peace Mrs. Clark.*

Cathrine Nolin - November 19, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ *I'm so very lucky to be a part of this family. I have been so lucky to have known and love MawMaw for the last 12 years. She loved me like her own and she had the most beautiful soul. She welcomed me with open arms along with her kiddos who I'm lucky to have as a mother-in-law (Christy), aunt and uncle (Michelle and Eddie), and the whole rest of the family. MawMaw would give the shirt off her back for anybody who needed it. I'm so grateful to have known her and have gotten to love her as long as I have, and thank you to my sweet in laws for giving me the opportunity to love her.*

Jessica Rogers - November 18, 2023 at 03:20 PM

TH

“ Betty Clark was my high school principal at Hallsville. Not only that, but she was a mentor and coach to me and my friends in One Act Play. Countless hours we sat listening to her and her insights, and after every practice, we were all very thankful to her for being the person she was, that she would give some much of her own time to help us learn, grow and succeed. Thank you, Betty Clark, for your wonderful heart and soul. We were blessed to know you! My deepest condolences to her family. Know that many people loved and appreciated her!

Travis House - November 17, 2023 at 05:30 PM

LD

“ Her time serving at Groves Junior High School as my 9th grade Speech class teacher was a blessing to me and all in the class. She made the long commute from Orange each school day to inspire us, and also worked many hours after school with us on practicing for contests and other events. Our class play to the entire student body that she coordinated was the best. She bonded with everyone and I felt more like she was a close friend and mentor, not just another teacher. Great memories to treasure. Peace and blessings to the Clark family.
Louie DeVillier

Louie DeVillier - November 16, 2023 at 09:25 PM

JN

“ *Didn't share memories with Betty in her latter years, my regret, but we shared four great years from 1961-1964 in school/sports. Everyone knew her as Beautiful in every way. Always cheerful, smiling and thoughtful. She inspired me to good sportsmanship, not to whine and take whatever life threw at me with a Smile. Her health in later years brought her misery, but I'm sure her children and grandchildren can tell us she was still an encourager. May God Bless her family during this sad time and help each of you share Betty's Good memories, because that would be her wishes I'm sure.....Judy L. Nix, class of 1964*

Judy Nix - November 15, 2023 at 08:43 PM

MW

“ *Betty and I were roommates at ETBC in 1964. We forged a forever friendship that was such a privilege . Eddie was born three weeks before my daughter and we loved being mothers at the same time. We made a point of staying in touch because even though she battled MS she lived each day to the fullest. Her precious children and grandchildren and extended family were the light of her life. I have never known anyone like her and I will miss my Roomie. Rest in Peace.*

Maurine Wood - November 15, 2023 at 12:39 PM

LT

“ Christy, Eddie, and Michelle,
I am greatly saddened by the loss of your mama. Please know how much you all mean to me and are in my prayers. She loved you all dearly and always was so proud to tell me about each of you. You will never know the depth of love and admiration I had for your sweet mama. My friendship began with her when I was only 15 yrs. old in the 9th grade at Groves Elementary. She had such a deep influence on me at that time in my life. She taught me how to appreciate friends and how important it was to be a good friend. A valuable lesson I carry with me today. I looked forward to her speech class because it was always fun no matter what she had us do for the day. I hold such great memories of that year. I am sure I am only one of MANY that her love of Barbara Streisand was passed on to. There is not a song Barbara sings that I don't think of her. She was so full of great advise when I needed to hear it. Even though distance kept us from visiting often as I would have liked, we were always a phone call away. I will miss our talks immensely. My heart is shattered for the loss of "diamond" of a friend. Rest in Peace my dear Betty. I will love and miss you forever.
Lynn Therrien

Lynn Therrien - November 15, 2023 at 10:44 AM