



Betty A. Cox

August 10, 1931 - January 19, 2019

Betty Ann Cox, 87, passed through this life into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, January 19, 2019. She was born August 10, 1931 to Henry Mills Riek and Neva Dell Riggs Riek in Denton, Texas. She married Dale Cox on June 12, 1953. Betty received a Bachelor's Degree from Hardin Simmons University and Master's Degree from Stephen F. Austin University.

Betty always had a deep compassion for children and was a gifted teacher, principal and Director of Elementary Education for Tyler Independent School District. She was a member of her beloved First Baptist Church, Tyler for 56 years, where she spent 50 of those years lovingly teaching the children, singing in the choir, serving on committees and praying for others.

Betty served the Lord in every aspect of her life. She was a devoted daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. Her life was full of grace and generosity, as she always displayed a servant's heart for others.

Betty is survived by her son, Greg Cox and wife Lala; daughter, Deanie McDonough and husband Nick; grandchildren, Sarah Santone and husband Jonathon, Brooke Lowthorp and husband Nathan, and Peyton McDonough and fiancée Tina Hetherington; great-grandchildren, Paxton and Addie Santone; her brother, Bob Riek and wife Marlene; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and

her husband of 58 years, Dale Cox.

A memorial service will be held on January 26, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Pike Wisner officiating. A private burial will be held at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery. The family will visit with friends before and after the memorial service.

Honorary pallbearers are Gene Caldwell, Curtis Owen, John Ford, Bill Henderson, Clyde Davenport and Neil Davis.

If desired, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Music Ministry, 301 W. Ferguson St., Tyler, TX 75701 or Alzheimer's Alliance, 211 Winchester Dr., Tyler, TX 75701.

Cemetery Details

Private Burial

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 26. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Service

JAN 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Visitation and reception after service

JAN 26. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Betty A. Cox



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 26, 2019 at 12:00 PM

GM

“ I just listened to Mrs. Cox’s Memorial Service. What a beautiful tribute to her life! I was privileged to grow up living next door to the Cox’s. Mrs. Cox always welcomed me into their home. Looking back, I don’t know how she did it all! A Godly wife and mother, grandmother, teacher/Principal, Administration, friend, Choir, Sunday School teacher, etc. the list could go on and on!! Because of her influence, I became a teacher myself! I thank God for Mrs. Cox and the impact she had on my life!! ❤️ I am praying for you, Deanie and Greg, as she will be missed!! We will join her one day, soon, as life is so fleeting!!

Gayle Rice Middleton - February 11, 2019 at 12:40 PM

DH

“ I loved sitting near Betty in choir and benefitting from her wonderful spirit and kindness! My heart to all who will miss her!
Deb Harris

Deb Harris - January 25, 2019 at 01:46 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Betty A. Cox.*



January 25, 2019 at 01:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty A. Cox.*



January 25, 2019 at 11:43 AM



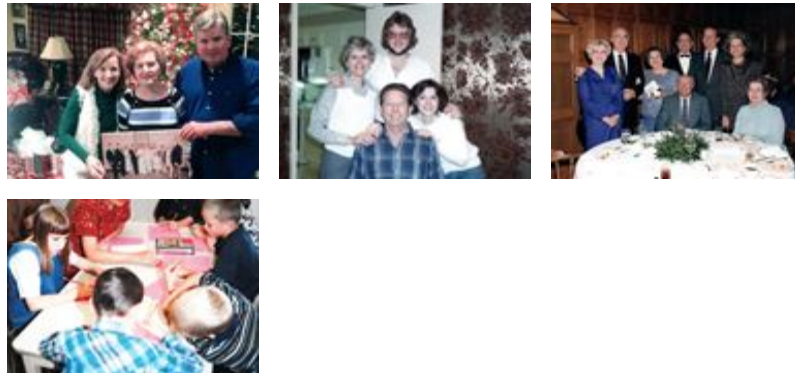
“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Betty A. Cox.*



January 25, 2019 at 08:49 AM



“ 4 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 23, 2019 at 04:19 PM

KF

“ *During those formative teenage years, Mr. and Mrs. Cox were always there to support us as we became young adults. I know there were times, when the last thing they wanted in their beautiful pool, was a group of rowdy boys enjoying a summer afternoon! They were always welcoming and Mrs. Cox was so kind as we grew up. She was a fixture in our church life as well as our personal lives. Mrs. Cox never missed an opportunity to encourage you and share how proud she was even with your smallest accomplishment. We all loved her and will miss her, but we are blessed with many great memories!*

Kenn Franklin

Kenn Franklin - January 23, 2019 at 12:26 PM

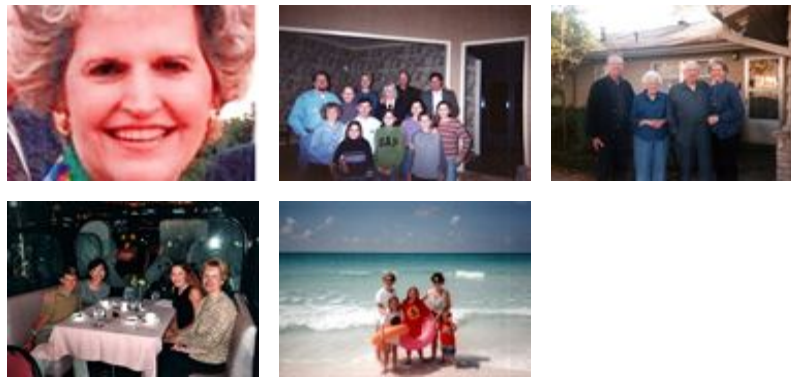
TW

“ As a teenager growing up at First Baptist, Tyler, in the mid 1960's, I remember Betty very well. She was always in the choir. As a young church musician, I remember her kindness and encouragement to develop my musical gifts. My Dad, Rex Willoughby, sang in the choir with Betty. He respected her greatly.

Tom Willoughby - January 22, 2019 at 11:11 PM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 22, 2019 at 02:30 PM

DC

“ My memories of Mrs. Cox (I never felt comfortable calling her Betty) were Sunday football games at their house, the pool, lots of food and fun. Many dinner parties. Too many memories to recall now, full of fun and laughter. She was not only beautiful and graceful but full of dignity and love. She will be missed.

Danna Davis Champion - January 21, 2019 at 10:55 AM

TG

“ I had the pleasure of working with Betty at the TISD administration building almost on a daily basis. Never once did I see her lose her grace, dignity and love for others. She was my role model. We worked together for years as her role was with the elementary schools and mine with the secondary schools. We laughed, we sighed, we never once cried although there were tense times but it was Betty's faith and strength that got us through. Love and peace to her family. Find comfort in knowing Betty was so beloved and respected.

Tom Gregory

Tom Gregory - January 21, 2019 at 09:56 AM

JU

“ Praying for your sweet family 🙏
Kelley and Lonny Uzzell

Jelley Uzzell - January 20, 2019 at 06:07 PM

PM

“ I took my 2 girls out of private school and placed them at Owens Elementary in 1988. Betty was the Principal. I was very impressed watching her thru our years at Owens and how Betty dealt with all 525 of the students. She knew them all by there first name, gave them hugs and a lot of love and was concerned about each of them. Betty also expected the students to behave and act respectfully. The 5 years we were at Owens I saw a lot of love between Betty and her students and from the students to Betty. Betty Cox had the love and respect from her students, teachers, and parents. As a PTA president, she always supported the ideas we brought to her. The Education Community was well served by Betty Cox. May God welcome her and may she rest in Peace
Patti McElligott

Patti McElligott - January 20, 2019 at 12:34 PM

DD

“ i am very sorry of your loss. Mrs Cox was my elementary school teacher at Gary. she was a wonderful lady and teacher. i am saddened because of her passing. the family is in my prayers. she was always real nice to me as a kid and an adult. Greg u are n my prayers.

doug dotson - January 20, 2019 at 12:43 AM