



## Betty Jo Dunahoe

September 6, 1936 - August 27, 2024

Betty Jo Dunahoe, 87, formerly of Tyler, died August 27, 2024, in Charleston, SC after a short illness. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery beginning at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Ken Brumley officiating. Services are under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Born in Blanks, LA on September 6, 1936, to William Joseph and Ruby Guerin Blanchard, Betty Jo grew up in Woodville, MS and graduated from Woodville High School in 1954. She graduated from Southern Baptist Hospital Mather School of Nursing in 1957 and worked as a Registered Nurse in Louisiana, Texas, Washington, and Oregon during her career. Betty Jo became the School Nurse at John Tyler High School in Tyler, TX and retired from the Tyler Independent School District after 23 years of service. An active member of Green Acres Baptist Church, she taught Sunday School and was a part of the intercessory prayer group. She lived in Tyler for over 44 years before moving to South Carolina.

She was preceded in death by her parents Willie and Ruby Blanchard, her brother, William (Bill) Blanchard, Jr, as well as a brother and sister who died as infants.

She is survived by her sister, Doris Baker of Baton Rouge, LA; three children;

Colonel Paul Brent Dunahoe, USMC (Ret.) of Mount Pleasant, SC; Elizabeth Ann Barnes of St. Paul, MN; John Christian Dunahoe of Palm Springs, CA; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and four nephews and nieces.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28201 (<https://billygraham.org>), or Green Acres Baptist Church, 1607 Troup Hwy, Tyler, TX 75701 ([www.gabc.org](http://www.gabc.org)).

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery  
7825 South Broadway Avenue  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Tribute Wall

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“ When I first started as a school nurse with TISD, I had the good fortune to meet Betty Jo and spent a week orienting with her at John Tyler. I was new to school nursing and had a lot to learn. I was immediately drawn to Betty Jo’s practical, no nonsense approach to dealing with students, parents and staff. She was encouraging and gave me sound advice that I used during my 17 years as school nurse at Owens Elementary. Betty Jo was kind, witty, and I always looked forward to spending time with her. I have thought of her often after retiring and regret not keeping in touch with her. She made a difference in my life and I am thankful to have known her. She was one of a kind. Please except my sincere sympathy. Rhonda Reagan

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**rhonda reagan** - September 03, 2024 at 05:07 PM

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“ I loved spending time with my grandmother growing up. We would stay up together at night and look at old pictures and she would tell me stories about being a nurse, which inspired me to go into the career field. Not a lot of people know all of the amazing things she did in nursing that really made a difference in people’s lives. It was evident the impact she made when I came to see her because the students from Tyler always came and greeted her whether we were in the airport, grocery store, or anywhere. I loved her wit, chatting with her on the phone, and will cherish all the time we had together. I will miss her forever.

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**Katelyn Dunahoe** - September 02, 2024 at 04:21 PM

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“ *The Dunahoes and Irvings purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Betty Jo Dunahoe.*



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**The Dunahoes and Irvings** - August 31, 2024 at 02:29 PM

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“ *Betty Jo was such a beautiful lady with a beautiful spirit. I loved her southern drawl. She loved the Lord, and it was evident in her sweet spirit. I missed her after she moved to South Carolina.*

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**Gladys Ann Cooper** - August 31, 2024 at 11:10 AM

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“ *What wonderful memories I have of my beloved sister. Growing up in Woodville, MS, she guided my steps in school. We had so many happy family memories of visiting her family in Seattle, Washington, New York and Tyler. And the many antique shopping trips in Tyler and visits with her wonderful friends. I will always remember and love her. She was loved and taken care of so lovingly by her family.*

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**Doris Baker** - August 30, 2024 at 11:30 AM