



## Betty Williamson Durrett

November 20, 1931 - February 3, 2018

Services for Betty Durrett, 86, will be held Tuesday, February 6th , 2018 at 2:00 pm, in the Rose Hill Mausoleum, 2400 S. Donnybrook, in Tyler. Dr. Darryle Dunks of Emerald Bay Community Church will be officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Betty was born in Tyler, Texas on November 20, 1931. She attended Tyler public schools and received her Associate Degree from Tyler Junior College. While at TJC she was a proud member of the Apache Belles, and was chosen to be a member of their select dance touring troupe. After graduation she married the love of her life, Jack W. Durrett, Jr. who preceded her in death in 2017. Betty and Jack were charter members of the Emerald Bay Community Church and she was an active member of the choir for many years.

She was active in the lives of her children and was always a homeroom mother, end of the school year party hostess and always the sideline cheerleader. She developed a love for golf and was president of the Ladies Golf Association at both Hollytree Country Club and Emerald Bay Golf Club. She had a great short game and was always happy to tell others about her, not one, but two, holes in one. Betty reignited her love of dance along with many of her close friends in their Tap Dance Review the "Sophisticats". They brought much joy performing at numerous senior organizations and other events in the Tyler area. Betty was a member of several Mahjong groups and

was very skilled at repeatedly being the first to Mahjong. She was a great organizer, social planner, and golf tournament chair. Her quick wit will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathy Smith and husband Bob Smith of Austin; son, Chuck Durrett and partner Dino Fioramonti; son, Keith Durrett and girlfriend Mary Barr; grandson, Rob Smith and wife Amanda of Seattle; grandson, Brian Smith of New York City; brother Jerry Williamson and wife Judy, brother-in-law and sister-in law Howard and Sherry Dudley as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to give special thanks to her loving caregivers Angie Ortiz and Stephanie Cooley for their loving care and devotion.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Emerald Bay Community Church, 160 LaSalle Rd., Bullard, Texas 75757.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Mausoleum

2455 Donnybrook  
Tyler, TX 75701

# Previous Events

## Graveside Serv.

FEB 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

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2455 Donnybrook  
Tyler, TX 75701

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ *Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Betty Williamson Durrett*



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**Loretta martinez** - April 17, 2018 at 08:56 PM



“ *Lots of memories with this sweet lady and the Clubview neighborhood..my fav time swimming in the encloswx pool amd jumping on tbe ground level trampoline! So sorry for the loss of this neautiful person!!!*

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**Marilyn Shannon** - February 13, 2018 at 11:32 AM

KC

“ *Kakaska Gwendolyn C lit a candle in memory of Betty Williamson Durrett*



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**Kakaska Gwendolyn C** - February 05, 2018 at 04:00 PM

KC

“ *My love, thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time and always. I just loved Betty, what a hoot she was. I remember, EVERY Christmas the HUGE Christmas Village displays she had that Chuck became a pro at putting up (& down too lol). She is with her beloved now and they are both at peace, no pain, no worries, ... They are happy in heaven together. All my love. Gwen K. Reynolds*

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**Kakaska Gwendolyn C** - February 05, 2018 at 03:59 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Williamson Durrett.*



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February 05, 2018 at 02:20 PM



“ *Karen Riales lit a candle in memory of Betty Williamson Durrett*



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**Karen Riales** - February 04, 2018 at 02:05 PM



*We love you & will miss you.*

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**Karen Riales** - February 04, 2018 at 02:06 PM



“ *To Kathy, Chuck & Keith and your families: we feel your pain and know the grief you are feeling as we lost our Mom a month ago too. We moved across the street from your family in 1962 so our memories go a long way back in time. Kathy, I have vivid memories of our shopping trips to Neiman's with you and your Mom, having lunch and your Mom always wanting to buy me something too! Too many memories to write here but suffice it to say, your folks were generous in so many ways. They will be missed and were loved by many.*

*Heartfully,  
Diane Roberts*

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**Diane Roberts** - February 04, 2018 at 02:53 AM

SC

“ I came to know Betty for a short season. The time I had with Betty and Mr Jack I grew to love them. I admired their love for each other. I listened to their stories and the love and laughter they had raising their children. Betty had an amazing life and lived it to the fullest. She will be truly missed by her family and her friends. She doesn't have any more pain or sadness because she has joined Mr. Jack along with her family in heaven . I'm glad I had the opportunity to take care of Betty. I will miss her.

Love

Stephanie Cooley

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**Stephanie cooley** - February 03, 2018 at 04:07 PM

SC

Thank you Chuck for giving me the opportunity to take care of your mom and your dad.

Love,  
Stephanie

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**Stephanie cooley** - February 03, 2018 at 04:12 PM

TH

Chuck, my prayers are with you during this period of grief. Live in the memories

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**Teresa Avent Hodge** - February 04, 2018 at 04:13 PM

GS

Childhood memories frequently include more than your friends, one's friends' parents are also part of the mix. Mrs. Durrett was always gracious and generous with all of the kids in the neighborhood. Such examples are not forgotten as one ages. My friend Chuck had a great set of parents, and the pain from her loss is painful because of her deep love for her children. Her loss is also tempered by that same love. Our condolences to a family that was an important part of my childhood and life.

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**Garry Smith** - February 04, 2018 at 06:26 PM