



Betty Brown Plyler

September 5, 1926 - May 27, 2017

Betty Brown Plyler passed away on May 27, 2017. She was born on September 5, 1926, in Hubbard, Texas to Elbert Holland Brown and Leska Cates Brown. Her parents, her brother, James Elbert Brown, and her beloved husband of 70 years, Jim Plyler, preceded her in death. She is survived by daughter Ann and husband Thomas Poore; son John and wife Suzanne Plyler; grandchildren James, Anthony and wife Linda, and Liliana Plyler; brother, Keith Brown; nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

She earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin, and her Master's degree from Stephen F. Austin State College. She married Jim Plyler in 1946 and taught in the cities in which he coached: Austin, Kerrville and Lufkin. In Tyler she taught at Ramey, Bonner, Bell, and Clarkson elementary schools. When her husband was named Superintendent of TISD, she left her teaching position to return to college to become certified in counseling. She then became an academic advisor at Tyler Junior College.

As a member of First Presbyterian Church in Tyler, she served as an Elder, a Deacon, a Sunday school teacher, a Circle Moderator, and a member of many working committees. She shared her enthusiasm for learning as a member of the American Association of University Women, the Smith County Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association, and the Littera Book Club. Because they believed in the importance of giving back to a community that

had been so welcoming to them, Betty and her husband Jim volunteered in Tyler at the East Texas Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, the Salvation Army, Mother Francis Hospital, East Texas Medical Center, and at the First Presbyterian Church.

Private burial will be under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Visitation will be held on Friday evening, June 2, from 5:30-7:30 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, Texas. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, June 3, at 10:30am at First Presbyterian Church, 230 W. Rusk St., Tyler, Texas. The family will greet friends at the church immediately after the service. Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, The Tyler ISD Foundation at 807 W. Glenwood, Tyler, TX 75701, or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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

Mem. Service

JUN 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
230 Rusk St.
Tyler, TX 75701

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Ann and John,
I am sorry for the loss of your Mother. She was such a pillar of strength and integrity for so many, for so long. At every class reunion I remember how excited she and your Dad were to see me and hear about what I'd been up to... They both made me feel very special, and I know they did the same for so many other former students and colleagues.

Please be sure and let the rest of the family know how special she was to so many of us Tyler High School students.

She will be missed but never forgotten... Fred Fifer [Class of '55]

Fred Fifer - June 03, 2017 at 11:40 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Betty Brown Plyler.



June 01, 2017 at 03:03 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Brown Plyler.



June 01, 2017 at 10:21 AM

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“ From Suzie's First Grade Parents at Mathews Elem. purchased the Sunny Memories for the family of Betty Brown Plyler.



From Suzie's First Grade Parents at Mathews Elem. - May 31, 2017 at 09:04 PM

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“ Carol & Joe Long purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Betty Brown Plyler.



Carol & Joe Long - May 31, 2017 at 06:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Brown Plyler.



May 31, 2017 at 04:19 PM

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“ Betty and Jim left very large shoes to fill. Their love of Christ and dedication to serving the community are the stuff of legend. I can only hope and pray the reins to the legacy they leave in Tyler will be picked up and driven forward to the benefit of generations yet to come.

John D Zeigler - May 30, 2017 at 04:45 PM