



Betty Anderson Sewell

October 4, 1918 - May 29, 2014

Services for Betty Anderson Sewell, 95, of Tyler, will be held on Monday, June 2, 2014, at 1:30 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Jay Lockhart officiating.

Burial will follow at Cathedral in The Pines in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sewell passed away Thursday, May 29, 2014 at Tyler.

She was born October 4, 1918 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin to George Henry Anderson and Bessie Belle Barrows Anderson.

She was raised in the Presbyterian Church and was very active in church and Sunday School as well as all the activities afforded her in the small, sleepy town of Chippewa Falls at that time. She especially loved to dance and was cast in many school plays throughout these years. She was actually a very popular "independent minded" young lady even though she always jokingly considered herself the often misunderstood "middle child" nestled in between her older sister, Virginia and the youngest sister, Harriet.

After graduating from high school, Betty followed her first passion in her early years and attended the prestigious Kahler Nursing School in Rochester, Minnesota. After five years she joined her sister Virginia and became a Registered Nurse. Betty went on to work at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester for a number of years before she met the love of her life, Lawson "Luke" Sewell. It was while visiting her sister, Virginia, "all the way down in Mexia, Texas", that she reluctantly went on a "blind date" set-up by her sister Virginia. That is

when she met Luke, who she would eventually agree to elope with after a two year long-distance relationship. He proposed to Betty in a long distance telephone call. In 1943, Betty took a long train ride from Texas to Baltimore, MD where in a matter of 3-4 days, they somewhat “hurriedly” married before he was shipped out on the USS Hornet. It would be almost two years before she would set eyes on her beloved husband again.

After the War, he went to work for Humble Oil & Refining Company in Tyler, TX . They were married over fifty years. During these fifty years, the family had the opportunity to see much of the United States with Luke’s job. Betty lived a full life with many job-related re-locations over the years, including Arcadia, California, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Pearlinton, Mississippi. However, she raised her two children, Mike and Ann for the most part in Midland, Texas from 1958 until their last job relocation took them to Houston in 1968. Finally they came “home” to Tyler for their retirement in 1974 to be close to their children, grandchildren, and wonderful friends.

In Betty’s lifetime her number one passion was always her beloved family, Lawson, Mike and Ann. She doted on their every wish and always strove to make sure they had “fun” first, but never gave-up on encouraging them each to excel at sports and “do the best they could”(jokingly of course) at their school work. And then there was her life-long passion of her love of animals, her pets in particular, from Gal and Nikki to Sassy and Maggie. They were her four additional children she and Lawson loved dearly over the years.

It was later in life when Betty really embraced her third passion, that of oil painting. She not only embraced this passion, she went on to create an extensive art gallery of beautiful oil paintings, which eventually were spectacularly each custom-framed and hung all over her home for everyone to enjoy and admire for all the years to come.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Lawson Sewell; sister, Virginia Easterling; and brother, Joe Anderson.

She is survived by her loving family including daughter, Ann Blackwell; son, Mike Sewell; sister, Harriet Bailey of Dallas; three grandchildren, Jennifer

Blackwell of Houston, Luke Blackwell and wife, Ashley of Lindale, Matt Blackwell and wife, Sarah of Galveston; and one beloved great-granddaughter, Addyson Grace Blackwell of Lindale. In her final years, she surrounded herself with Addyson's pictures in her home right next to where she sat, adoring each picture for hours at a time.

Pallbearers will be Matt Blackwell, Luke Blackwell, Derek Martin, Jed Zagst, Daniel Romo, and Heath Campbell.

Honorary pallbearers will be Tom Bailey, Gary Billups, Bill Easterling, Jim Hubley, and Vaughn Powell.

Visitation is scheduled from 1:00 to 3:00 PM on Sunday, June 1, 2014 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to The Pets Fur People, 1823 CR 386, Tyler, TX 75708 or any other non-kill animal shelter, The Whitehouse Church of Christ, P O Box 183, Whitehouse, TX 75791 or any other charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

JUN 2. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences to the family during this difficult time. Please find comfort and hope in Gods promise found at Revelation 21:3,4.*



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“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Anderson Sewell.*



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