



Betty J. White

April 25, 1927 - October 16, 2014

Graveside services for Betty Kittrell White, 87, of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2014, at 10:30 AM at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler with Rev. Stephanie Hughes officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. White passed away on Thursday, October 16, 2014, in Tyler.

Elizabeth Jane "Betty" Kittrell White was born April 25, 1927 in Dallas, Texas to Olga Gracey and Edwin N. Kittrell. The family soon moved to Tyler with Kittrell Lumber Company.

After graduating from Tyler High School, Betty attended Chevy Chase Junior College in Washington D.C. and later transferred to the University of Texas in Austin, where she majored in Journalism and was a member of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity. She enjoyed six summers at Camp Waldemar and playing golf. She later won the Trans-Mississippi Amateur Golf Tournament in Florida.

Betty was active in the Texas Rose Festival. She served as Trainbearer for Queen Dorothy Bell, and was a Lady-in-Waiting to Queens Carolyn Revere and Mary Ann Nenney. She served as Coronation Chairman in 1970. She also represented Tyler as a Duchess in "Buccaneer Days", in Corpus Christi, the "Beaumont River Festival" and "The Battle of Flowers Parade" in San Antonio. As a published writer, she wrote two children's books, *Around the States on Roller Skates*, *My Friend Boogie* and a humorous book for adults *Alcoholics are Numerous!* While living in Hollywood, California she also wrote for various entertainers including Lucille Ball, Carol Burnett and Johnny Carson.

Betty lived in Dallas and moved back to Tyler several years ago.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Edwin N. Kittrell, Jr. and her husband Earl White.

She is survived by her nephews Edwin N. Kittrell III, Scott R. Kittrell, Stephen B. Kittrell and their children.

The family expresses great appreciation for caregiver Laverne Green.

Memorials may be made to Marvin United Methodist Church, 300 W. Erwin St., Tyler, TX 75702 or Tyler Day Nursery, 2901 W. Gentry Pkwy, Tyler, TX 75702.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Previous Events

Graveside Serv.

OCT 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *We loved Betty at Park Place Motorcars. She was always such a joy to us.*

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