



## Darby Barrow Brady

October 18, 1950 - November 7, 2019

Everyone loved Darby!

Darby Barrow Brady passed away at her home in Tyler on November 7, 2019. Darby was born in Patuxent, Maryland on October 18, 1950, the daughter of Welby and Betty Ann Williams. After Welby's death, Betty Ann married Frank Barrow of Denton and Darby and her two sisters were adopted by Frank.

Darby had a lifelong love of performance, which she displayed as a cheerleader at Denton High School and as an actress in both the Denton Community Theater and on stage at Texas Woman's University, where she earned a degree in nursing.

While pursuing her nursing career at Parkland Hospital, Darby met her husband, Ernie Brady. The couple made their home in Tyler. As the couple's family grew, Darby, the dedicated wife and mother, retired from teaching nursing but continued to devote much of her time to serving others in the Tyler area. She worked tirelessly with All Saints School including enjoyable, fund raising events and the Alzheimer's community. She lobbied the state of Texas for child car seat laws and pioneered a program to provide free car seats for families in need. She taught health science and occupation classes at Robert E. Lee High School, inspiring many of her students to pursue careers in healthcare. Her husband, of 46 years, relates when seen by her former

students at the hospital he is only “oh your Darby’s husband”. These are only a few of the causes she supported over the years.

Darby never tired of performing personal acts of kindness and generosity, big and small, for friends, family, and people she had never met. If she saw a need, she would fill it. She always felt that life had given her more than her share, and nothing gave her more pleasure than helping someone else.

Darby was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Betty Ann Barrow; her son, Trey Brady; her brother, Mark Williams; and her sisters, Wendy and Candy Barrow. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Ernest L. Brady, Jr.; her daughters, Kelsey and Alison; her grandchildren, Jayce, Brady, Judson (Goose), and Lacey; her sister-in-law, Cindy; her brothers, Mike and David; her nieces, Kate, Robin, Amy, and Che; and her nephews, Cory, Kent, Brian, Clay, and Brady.

Darby’s family has asked that those who wish to honor her memory with a donation give to the cause or charity of their choice. Darby, herself, gave generously to the Alzheimer’s Foundation and to Type 1 diabetes research.

# Tribute Wall

KG

“ *Kelsey Brady Gillette lit a candle in memory of Darby Barrow Brady*



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**Kelsey brady gillette** - January 21, 2020 at 12:05 AM

KG

*This Kelsey, I have been way out of touch with all of you I love and appreciate your love of my sweet mom. Please forgive me for not responding. Ive been in the hospital for the last 6 days. Just got home tonight . your love and care are uunbelievable.  
Love to all, kels*

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**Kelsey brady gillette** - January 21, 2020 at 12:11 AM

DC

“ *We loved Mrs. Brady and her love for us was never doubted. When we would run into her at the grocery store she loved to tell our teenage daughter stories of us from our High School Days with her. We would walk away and she would look at us and say “wow she really loved you two”! The world will definitely miss the light and love you shared* ❤️

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**Daniel & Leigh Ann Camp** - November 24, 2019 at 03:06 PM

AC

“ Mrs. Brady,  
You were the ever living bomb! Full of fun, inspiration, and such an amazing wife, mom, and friend! You will be forever missed. I’ll never forget our ihop breakfasts with our class “ on Ernie”, as you would say... all of your funny nursing stories, especially the ones from when you worked at Parkland. I love the way You always always talked about your family, and could always tell how much love you have for each one. I fell in love with the name Kelsey, and chose to name my first born Kelsey as well. You were always such a ray or sunshine! Thank you for all you did to inspire and help so many. Love you dearly!

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**Amy Sturrock Creed** - November 24, 2019 at 02:46 PM

KR

“ I will miss sweet Darby- a beautiful soul with an infectious smile. My thoughts and prayers are with her precious family. Much love, Kim Johnson Ricks

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**Kim Johnson Ricks** - November 21, 2019 at 10:29 PM



“ Mrs. Brady will always hold a special place in my heart. She was my Health Science teacher at REL. Her love for others was contagious. I went on to become a nurse practitioner with much encouragement from Mrs. Brady! From the moment I met Mrs. Brady in 1998, I loved the name Darby and went on to name my now 12-year old daughter, Darby Grace. May the Lord comfort and carry you all through the days ahead.  
Sincerely,  
Bethany Starks

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**Bethany Starks** - November 21, 2019 at 12:56 PM

MG

“*Darby will always have a special place in my heart for the special encouragement as a teacher at All Saints. Such good memories, especially her love for family.*

*She even made my dad smile , being daughter of Welby Williams, a star athlete at North Texas, and a classmate of his....her love transferred to so many, young and old. Rest In Peace, sweet Darby.*

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**Mary Gammell** - November 20, 2019 at 08:49 AM