



Jo Beth Trantham Ridley

June 22, 1929 - July 25, 2018

Services for Jo Beth Trantham Ridley, 89, are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at Green Acres Baptist Church with Dr. David Dykes presiding. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Trantham Ridley died peacefully on July 25, 2018 in Tyler, with family by her side. She was born June 22, 1929 in Beaumont, Texas to the late James and Opal Mims. In 1949, Jo Beth married Jack Trantham, her loving husband of 55 years. Following Jack's death, she married Wade Ridley a longtime friend. They were married for 12 years. Wade was a caring husband while Jo Beth fought bravely against Alzheimer's disease.

A resident of Tyler for 67 years, Jo Beth raised two daughters Linda and Debbie and helped to lovingly raise her granddaughter Debby Gunter. For Jo Beth, family was always her primary focus. She was highly active and fully supportive in all aspects of her daughter's lives. She carried that same commitment over to her 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

JoBeth was a wonderful person who was always optimistic, funny, smart, beautiful, and an incredible cook. Early in her marriage, she served as an office secretary helping her husband Jack succeed as an Independent Petroleum Geologist. She was an active member of the community where she volunteered in a wide variety of civic organizations. From 1942 to 1946, Jo

Beth travelled from coast to coast with a select group of singers known as The Melody Maids. They sang at military bases, veterans hospitals and for a variety of charitable organizations. Her real passion however, was her love for her savior Jesus Christ and for her beloved Green Acres Baptist Church. At Green Acres, she sang in the choir, served as a member of the Prayer Team and taught both Sunday and Vacation Bible School.

Jo Beth is survived by her family that includes her husband, Wade Ridley; daughter and son-in-law, Debbie Prescott and Jim Prescott of Bullard; three grandchildren, Debby Gunter and her husband Eric Gunter, Clay Franks and Jenny Prescott; as well as three great-grandchildren, Hunter Franks, Cole Gunter and Ella Franks. Jo Beth leaves behind close relatives, Sandy Griffin and her husband Bill of Beaumont.

Thank you to the many caregivers who assisted Jo Beth over the past several years. Their love and care were immeasurable. A special thank you to Vernetta Stevens, Meshia Foster, LaTonya Henderson, Darlene Odom, Angela Ponce and Chrystal Green.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to the Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County, (211 Winchester Dr., Tyler 75701) or Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation, (110 East 42nd Street, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10017).

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Mem. Service

AUG 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Green Acres Baptist Church
1607 Troup Hwy.
Tyler, TX 75701

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jo Beth Trantham Ridley



Stewart Family Funeral Home - July 30, 2018 at 03:07 PM

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“ My family lived nextdoor to Jack JoBeth for several years on Lindsey Lane and being 4 years old at the time I really enjoyed being able to walk though the Azalea Trail and visit her mother, Jobeath and Debbie with my mother, now living in Memphis what I wouldn't give to be back there as neighbors again, one of the best times of my life.

Jon Phillip Wilson - February 28 at 10:49 AM

CH

“ Debbie - While looking for Gran and Granddaddy's address in Liberty, I read of your loss of JoBeth. Please know that you, your family and Linda's family have my deepest sympathy. I will always have wonderful memories of the times shared with her, Uncle Jack, you and Linda. You will be in my prayers.

Candy

Candy Hollis - September 11, 2018 at 07:09 PM

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“ *Loretta Martinez sent a virtual gift in memory of Jo Beth Trantham Ridley*



Loretta Martinez - August 11, 2018 at 05:18 PM

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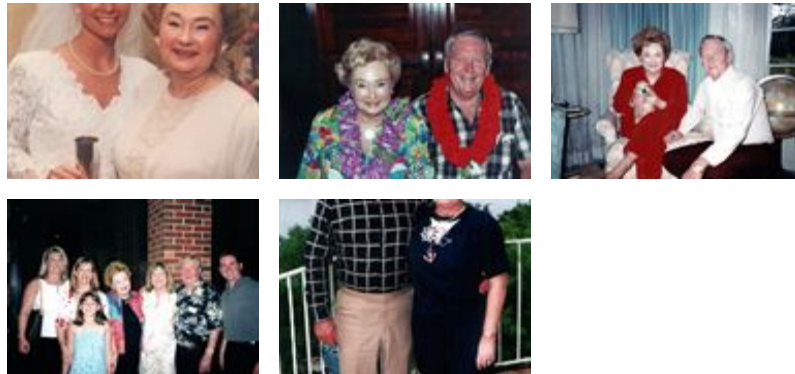
“ *Walter Lackey & Madison Lackey purchased the Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant for the family of Jo Beth Trantham Ridley.*



Walter Lackey & Madison Lackey - July 31, 2018 at 08:48 PM



“ *56 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - July 30, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Jo Beth Trantham Ridley.



July 29, 2018 at 05:12 PM