



In Loving Memory



Betty Lou Johnson

1933 - 2024

Betty Lou Tidwell was born on November 28, 1933, in Oneonta, Alabama to George Ollice and Virginia Lucille (Champion) Tidwell. As the oldest of eight siblings, Betty learned the value of family at an early age. She attended school in Alabama and Florida, graduating high school in Homestead. Betty married Marlin E. Smith in 1951, and to this union, three beautiful children were born, Jerry Max, Deborah, and Ricky Ollice. She married Robert Samuel "Bob" Johnson, an Airman with the United States Air Force, on September 19, 1969, in Homestead. They were stationed at Altus Air Force Base in 1974, before transferring to England in 1983. Betty and Bob greatly enjoyed their time as an Air Force family, attending functions and making friends across the globe. Southwest Oklahoma made a significant impression on the Floridians. After Bob's retirement from the Air Force in 1987, the couple returned to Altus and maintained roles on base through the civil service. She and Bob were members of the First Baptist Church of Altus. Betty enjoyed her visits with Rev. Doug Altom at Magnolia Creek when she was no longer able to attend church services. Betty was an accomplished seamstress and crocheter. She made clothing, quilts, stuffed bunnies, and Raggedy Ann and Andy doll sets that continue to be passed down from generation to generation. She enjoyed playing Bunco with the girls, especially when they celebrated holidays. But her true love and joy in life was to be surrounded by children. She treasured her time babysitting each of her grandchildren and great grandchildren, not to mention many others; each gaining valuable lessons only a 'Nannie' can teach. Betty joined her loving Savior in the early morning hours of Wednesday, April 3, 2024, the ten-year anniversary of her husband's passing.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Bob; son, Jerry Smith; parents, George and Virginia; and siblings, Joyce, Nell, Roy, Charles, and Wayne. Those left to honor Betty's memory and infectious smile are her daughter, Deborah Gulbrandsen and husband, Carl; son, Ricky O. Smith; nine grandchildren, Deanna Julian and husband, George, John Walker and wife, Margie, Stacey Lyn Ford and husband, Jeff, Kelly Gulbrandsen, Ricky Smith, Shane Smith and wife, Cindy, Konnor Smith, Gannon Smith, and Pendah Smith; seven great-grandchildren, Ava Dolan, Addison Dolan, Claire Campbell, Byron Ford, Sarah Ford, Adam Smith, Zander Smith, and Addison Smith; sister, Mary Ann; brother, Paul; many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends; and treasured friend, Bonetta Steensgard.

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FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

KINCANNON MEMORIAL CHAPEL

ALTUS, OKLAHOMA

INTERMENT

ALTUS CITY CEMETERY

ALTUS, OKLAHOMA

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.

He maketh me
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my

soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over
Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23