





Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one*

*I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done*

*I'd like to leave an echo whispering
softly down the ways*

*Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days*

*I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun*

*Of happy memories that I leave,
when life is done.*

Betty Ruth Dougherty

April 20, 1943 ~ March 5, 2024

Williams Memorial Chapel - Wednesday, March 13, 2024

11:00 A.M.

Order of Service

Drowning	Chris Young
Seven Minutes in Heaven	Reba McEntire
Welcome	Debbie Sutton
Scripture Reading	Debbie Sutton
Holes in the Floor of Heaven	Steve Warner
Prayer	Larry Sutton
Obituary Reading / Message	Larry Sutton
When I get to Where I'm Going	Brad Paisley
Remarks / Memories	Open
Never Not Remember You	Cooper Alan
Closing Prayer	Larry Sutton
Dismissal	Joshua Hausladen

Obituary

In loving memory of Betty Ruth Tedford Dougherty, a beautiful soul whose presence graced the lives of many with kindness, compassion, and unwavering love. Betty was born on April 20th, 1943, in San Antonio, Texas, where she began her journey in this world filled with promise and potential. Sadly, on March 5th, 2024, Betty peacefully departed from this life in Austin, Texas, leaving behind a legacy that will forever be cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Throughout her remarkable career, Betty dedicated herself to serving others. From her role as the Captain's Secretary at the Midland Police Department to her years of service at the Texas Board of Pardon and Parole, she touched the lives of many with her hard work and dedication. Her commitment to her work was truly admirable, leaving a lasting impact on all those she encountered.

Betty's passion extended beyond her professional life. She found joy in showcasing Persian and American Short Haired tabby cats and later broadened her interests to include exhibiting rabbits throughout the state of Texas. This love for animals symbolized Betty's nurturing spirit and gentle heart. Betty's memory will forever be etched in the hearts of her surviving family members: her daughters Carol Ann Reagan Sander (husband Dennis), Christina Marie Dougherty Fridenberg (husband Ronnie), son John William Reagan Sr., and the cherished granddaughter Harley Marie Reagan Sutton (husband Travis). She was also a beloved 'Mom' to a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren who brought immense joy into her life.

In reflecting on those who have gone before her, Betty now reunites with her parents Evalyn Eva Strickland and Lora Francis "Tiny" Tedford and daughter Dorothy René Reagan in eternal peace. The bond of family remained strong for Betty as she leaves behind siblings Richard Charles (Dick) Tedford (Jo Marie), Mary Catherine (Cathy) Raska (Bryan), William Louis (Bill) Tedford (Terri), along with numerous nieces and nephews. Additionally, Betty held dear two exceptional individuals who were more than friends; Leslie Crofts and Chester Newman stood by her side through thick and thin, exemplifying unwavering loyalty and companionship.

As friends and family gather to honor Betty's life at the upcoming services held at Elgin Funeral Home in Elgin, Texas—a place where memories will be shared—the essence of who she was will continue to resonate in the hearts of all those who were fortunate enough to be part of her journey. May Betty Tedford Dougherty rest in eternal peace knowing she has left an indelible mark on all those whose lives she touched.



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