



Betty Jean Jennings

January 12, 1929 - August 29, 2019

Betty Jean Jennings, age 90, of Brookfield, passed away on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home in Liberty, Missouri

A graveside service will be held beginning at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at Parklawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Brookfield, with Pastor Joel Kidwell officiating. In lieu of flowers memorials have been suggested to Kansas City Hospice or Our Lady of Mercy Country Home and may be left at or sent to Rhodes Funeral Home, 216 Linn Street, Brookfield, MO 64628. Online registry at www.rhodesfh.com.

Betty Jean Davis Jennings was born on January 12, 1929 in Chillicothe, Missouri and lived most of her life in Linn County. Betty was the daughter of Guy and Agnes Davis, Linneus, MO.

She attended grade school at the "Little Red School House" south of Linneus and graduated from Linneus High School. She attended Northeast Missouri State Teacher College and taught school at McClure, Moore & St. Catherine rural schools.

Betty married Donald W Jennings on April 6, 1947 in Troy, Kansas. During the years of raising four daughters and assisting to keep the farm operation running Betty also worked outside the home. She served as church secretary, worked at JC Penney, worked for an insurance agency and an engineering firm. Betty also owned and operated her own fabric store for many years. Betty was a 4H leader, teaching her girls and other young women the basics of sewing and cooking. She was always ready and willing to prepare food to help someone going through a difficult time. Among many activities, Betty enjoyed cooking, sewing, woodworking and ceramics.

Betty was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Beta Sigma Phi, Sarah Circle and Red Hatters.

She is survived by daughters, Donna Murphy and husband Mike, Jarrell, TX; Jo Ellen Boley and husband Richard, Brookfield, MO; and Julie Rulon and husband Richard, Liberty, MO. Five grandchildren, Amy Hargrove, Round Rock, Texas, Adam Murphy, Dripping Springs, Texas, Stacey Brown, Brookfield, Rick Boley, Brookfield, and Kaitlin EuDaly, Columbia. Seven great grandchildren, Loren Torres, Austin, Texas, Raelen Brown, Brookfield, Kaecen Brown, Brookfield, Wyatt Hargrove, Round Rock, Texas, Emory Hargrove, Round Rock, Texas, Deacon Brown, Brookfield, and Jordy EuDaly, Columbia, MO.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, husband Donald, daughter Carol Leigh, three brothers, Norris, Kenneth and Jim Davis and sister Phyllis Ann.

Cemetery Details

Park Lawn Cemetery

23394 Hwy 36
Brookfield, MO

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 3. 11:00 AM.

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Tribute Wall



“ Deeply saddened to hear that Betty has died. She was a wonderful woman, generous and kind. I can't visualize her without seeing her welcoming smile. Her legacy of participation in the community and as a loving parent serves as a goal to guide all of us who were lucky enough to know her.

She and Don were great neighbors to my grandparents, Virgil and Ruth Kennedy, for many years. She and my mother, Rogene Hayen Smith, were longtime friends. Her eldest daughter, Donna, and I were close friends while growing up.

One fond memory that I have: My mom went camping with my younger sister's Girl Scout troop when I was about 16. I was supposed to take care of the produce from our garden; freeze corn, snap the green beans and make sweet pickles. I was having some concerns about the pickles. I was afraid that they might be bad. So I called Betty. She listened patiently and chuckled. Then told me that I was doing just fine.

Peace be with all of you in her family. Cheryl Hayen Bradley

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