



## Betty Ruth Nelle

May 4, 1928 - May 26, 2020

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend to all, took her last breath on earth and first breath in heaven May 26, 2020. Betty was a bright shining light who leaves a beautiful enduring legacy of family, faith, friendship and love.

To honor Betty's memory with a gift to her church, visit <http://www.thewoodsumc.org/donate.html>.

Visitation: 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home; 500 E Main Street; Grand Prairie; 75050 where a private family service will follow on Monday. Burial: DFW National Cemetery. Officiating: Rev. Fred Durham; Musician: Kay Dougan. Honorary Pallbearers: Roger Hill, Jeremiah Wilson, Jacob Wilson, Jeremy Haack, Jonathon Haack, Brian Guetschow. Ryan Nelle and Dustin Altmiller.

Betty Ruth was born May 4, 1928 in Dallas, TX to Dick and Ruth Tumlinson and grew up in Oak Cliff. She graduated from Sunset High School and the North Texas Agricultural College (N.T.A.C.) in Arlington, TX.

She married the love of her life, Robert Nelle, on August 21, 1948, sharing 64 years together. Their greatest achievement was the family they created together: 5 children, 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren.

Betty's Christian faith defined her, and was evident to everyone she met. She loved her church family as much as her own. Through the years, she served her community in leadership positions within her church, as well as in Girl Scouts and PTA. She also had a long career in the insurance industry.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, Dick and Ruth Tumlinson, husband, Robert Nelle, and brothers, Fred, Robert Joe and Charles Elton Tumlinson. She is survived by children, Gary and Lorrie Nelle of Arlington, TX, Claudia Guetschow of Sergeant Bluff, IA, Connie and Dave Haack of Granbury, TX, Nancy and Jay Wilson of Peoria, AZ and Cathy Nelle of Grand Prairie, TX; 30 grandchildren; and Sister-in-law Denise Tumlinson, OK.

Betty loved her family, friends, camping, traveling, chocolate and ice cream! Her heart and smile are gifts to us all. We celebrate her life, deep faith, quiet strength, boundless love and amazing grace.

# Cemetery Details

## DFW National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway  
Dallas, TX 75211

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **31**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home  
500 E. Main Street  
Grand Prairie, TX 75050  
(972) 263-5570

# Tribute Wall

PW

“ After my Aust Stevie passed away, my cousin Betty Ruth, became the matriarch of our family. For as long as I remember, these ladies hosted Christmas, Easter an Thanksgiving and we all flocked to their house.

When my mother passed away when I was 15, they pretty much guided me into an early adulthood and were there to support me always.

Rest in peace Betty Ruth and give Aunt Stevie and Uncle Dick a hug. Your life well lived, will continue to be a lesdon to us all.

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**Peggy Wolf** - June 01, 2020 at 01:17 PM

TM

I loved Betty with all my heart. I called her my second Mom. She inspired me and made me feel so loved. Gifts from her are all in my home to give me a daily reminder of a life well lived. I am honored to get to know her children and some other family members. I will miss dear friend.

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**tonja morale** - June 05, 2020 at 06:59 PM

SF

“ Betty will be dearly missed but I know she is rejoicing in heaven with Bob! My favorite memories are camping with Betty and Bob at church campouts. Sitting around the campfire with Betty, Bob, and my parents telling stories about the past. There were some fun stories too! She treated everyone like family. Love you Betty!

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**Sandra Felner** - May 31, 2020 at 10:25 PM

CM

“ Betty was a ray of sunshine that lit up the world. Prayers and hugs for the family and everyone that will miss her sweet smile.

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**Cathy Murphy** - May 31, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ one of the first members of Trailwood to welcome our family. spent many hours with her in and out of woman,s group .worshiping with her, making quilts. bazaars and all she and Bob in their home . love and miss her.

Karen Owings - May 31, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Ruth Nelle.



May 30, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes



Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - May 30, 2020 at 09:32 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Ruth Nelle.*



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May 30, 2020 at 07:14 AM



“ *Aunt Betty Ruth was actually my cousin, but as an elder, we preferred to call her “Aunt”. I remember her as extraordinarily kind and always interested in our family. She and Bob visited when they could. They drove up to Denton to endure my very boring college graduation from UNT, and they came to the hospital when my middle child was transferred to Cook Children’s. Aunt Betty Ruth took great photos, and she would mail me the prints. She was a thoughtful and kind soul, and her daughters are the same. I will miss her, but I’m glad she’s with Uncle Bob.*

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**Kathleen Davis** - May 29, 2020 at 10:30 PM



“ *We are so sad to see this. It was always a treat to run into Mrs and Mr Nelle. We reconnected on shared benches at Gopher volleyball games and other community functions over the years. She was always warm and lovely. I can’t begin to imagine the many ways you will miss her. Am praying for peace in your hearts and minds as you adjust to living without her physical presence.*

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**Rae Ann Forester** - May 29, 2020 at 08:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betty Ruth Nelle.*



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May 29, 2020 at 08:05 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Ruth Nelle.*



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May 29, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ *Terry & Susan Routh purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Betty Ruth Nelle.*



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**Terry & Susan Routh** - May 29, 2020 at 03:55 PM



“ *I was Betty's pastor from 1979 to 1984. It was at her home in December, 1978, that I first met her and other members of the Trailwood Umc. It was such a privilege to serve with her and other members of the Prairie Heights Umc as we established a new church in South Grand Prairie. She was a wonderful and gracious woman and I cherish the memories I have of her and her family. Miss she rest in peace in the eternal life our loving God. Rev. Chuck Cox*

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**Chuck Cox** - May 29, 2020 at 03:09 PM

JT

“ Jessica Jochim & Jeff Thompson purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Betty Ruth Nelle.



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**Jessica Jochim & Jeff Thompson** - May 29, 2020 at 02:42 PM

MN

“ Mary Baker & Mike & Linda Novak purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Betty Ruth Nelle.



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**Mary Baker & Mike & Linda Novak** - May 29, 2020 at 01:07 PM

JT

“ Jeanne and Don Taylor purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Betty Ruth Nelle.



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**Jeanne and Don Taylor** - May 29, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Ruth Nelle.



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May 29, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Ruth Nelle.*



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May 29, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ *Dear Family Members, we loved Grandma Betty like she was our own grandmother. She was a very classy lady, always gracious and friendly, and a joy to visit with. When my dad was in a hospital in Irving, she and Bob offered to let my sister and I stay in their home so we could be near him. I know she loved all of you, from the oldest to the youngest, and that's a lot of love going 'round for such a big family! Thankful our daughter-in-law, Becky, brought Betty into our lives. We know you will find comfort and joy in sharing many wonderful memories. Hugs and prayers to all of you!*

*Sherry and Desley Altmiller  
Olney, Texas*

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**Altmiller** - May 27, 2020 at 07:07 PM