



Betty Gene Gest

September 24, 1934 - October 27, 2017

Graveside services for Betty Gest, 83, of Canyon Lake, Texas, are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Ridgeway Cemetery in Paige, Texas with Pastor Jack Gilmore officiating. Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings.

Betty Gene Adkins arrived on this planet on September 24, 1934 in Barker, Texas. She was the first child born to her parents, Odes and Louise Adkins. Betty's father, Odes, was a cowboy and rancher and her mother, Louise, was a teacher who stayed home and helped her husband work the ranch and farm near Houston. During these early years her parents worked long days and her father even worked nights hunting mink to save money. Betty always told stories about her early childhood, how hard her parents worked and how much she loved growing up in the country with the beauty of nature and farm animals as friends. Eventually she also enjoyed the love of a sister, Barbara and a brother, Jess. After years of working hard and saving money her family purchased their own farm in Giddings, Texas. Her family worked the farm raising cattle, chickens, pigs and farming cotton. Living on a farm requires lots of hard work and Betty always talked about her experiences fixing fences, baling hay, picking cotton and peanuts, and working cattle. She loved the life and enjoyed growing up on the farm.

She attended Giddings High School and graduated in 1952. Soon after she married Arbie Gest, the star quarter back on the Giddings football team that won state championship their senior year. They married in November 1952 and moved to Austin to live with Arbie's mother, Lydia, so they could work and save money towards their first home. Betty and her husband Arbie purchased their first home in Austin and later moved to the Dallas area when Arbie accepted a job as pilot with Braniff Airlines in 1964. Betty and Arbie raised three children; Linda, Lou Ann and Robbie and she was a devoted stay-at-home mom enjoying raising a family and made serious efforts to teach her children good behavior, ethics and responsibility. Betty taught her children the importance of virtue, to treat all people as equals, to be kind, to love the earth and animals and to have faith in our Creator Father. Betty and Arbie eventually moved to New Braunfels in 1976. Betty was always fascinated by art and beautiful paintings and during the 1980's she became a painter herself, focusing on Texas landscapes and other impressionistic oil paintings. She attended many classes, was a member of the local Art Guild and eventually taught classes and worked in various art shops.

Betty also loved traveling and enjoyed trips to England, Scotland, Egypt and Alaska. Over the years she came to love western novels and in her later years enjoyed "armchair" traveling through the books by Louis Lamour, Zane Grey and so many others.

Of all the things Betty was, she was first and foremost a person of faith. She was raised in the Christian religion but as the years passed she expanded her view to include acceptance of all religions and to constantly seek spiritual knowledge. She was a true spiritual seeker, always questing after new and greater spiritual truths. She believed with all her heart the words of Christ to "love our Father Creator with all our heart, all our mind and all our soul" and to "treat others as we would want to be treated". She longed for the day of earth's redemption, the return of Christ and the glorious future promised of

earth renewed and settled in life and light.

Betty passed away the morning of Friday, October 27, 2017 at Legend Oaks Healthcare and Rehabilitation in New Braunfels.

And now the angels have taken Betty to her new home, where she is reunited with her family and friends gone before her. Sadly, we are left without her presence for a while, but our grieving hearts are encouraged to know that she is free of pain, that she is with her family and enjoys our Father's love, protection and guidance.

Betty lived a full life and felt satisfied. She dearly loved her family and friends. She experienced the joys and sorrows of life as we all do. She worked hard to better herself and to be a good person and to inspire those around her.

Today, we commit her to the arms of the angels to carry her home to our Creator Father.

Farewell Betty.....until we are with each other once again.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Otis & Louise Adkins and one sister, Barbara Brown.

Betty is survived by her three children, Noah Linda Gale & her husband, Alan Perkins of Denver, Colorado, Lou Ann Cole & her husband, Bradley of Canyon Lake and Robbie Gest & his wife, Michele of Friendswood; four grandchildren, Chelsea Hull & her husband, Jacob of Katy, Eilie Cole of Chesterfield, Missouri, Nathan Gest of Friendswood and Hailey Gest of Friendswood; one brother, Jess Adkins & his wife, Bridget of Fairfield and one brother-in-law, Frank Brown of McDade.

Flowers and cards may be sent to Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings.

Cemetery Details

Ridgeway Cemetery

153 Ridgeway Cemetery Road
Paige, TX 78659

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Graveside Service

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