



## Betty Jo Kellar

January 13, 1939 - July 19, 2024

A private memorial service for Betty Kellar, 85, of Giddings, Texas will be held at a later date.

Betty was born on January 13, 1939 in Kingsbury, Texas to Albert and Elvera (Beurnagle) Busse. She attended Kyle High School where she won the "Betty Crocker Homemaker" Award. She excelled in typing and shorthand. She received her degree from TLC in Seguin, Texas. Betty worked for the state of Texas as a Supervisor, dedicating her life to public service. She married the love of her life, Herbert Lyle Kellar on May 6, 1977 with Rev. Robert Koenig officiating at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings. She had a kind and generous soul, and found purpose in lifting others out of poverty and need. In addition to a lifetime of service with the Texas State Department of Human Services, Betty served on numerous boards, including the Giddings Optimist Club, where she became deeply involved with supporting and improving conditions for students at the Giddings State Home and School. Betty and Herbert were foster parents for 4 decades, fostering over 500 children, who continued to seek her out over the years to thank her for her unconditional love and support. She served on the Child Welfare Board as the past president. Betty was also involved in numerous local charities, she also taught GED Classes. She enjoyed going to garage sales, traveling in the RV, reading books, and playing solitaire. Above all of her hobbies Betty always loved taking care of her family and friends.

Betty passed away the morning of Friday, July 19, 2024 at Silver Pines Nursing home in Bastrop, Texas with her loving husband by her side.

She is preceded in death by her parents Albert and Elvera Busse; children, James Eugene Anderson Jr., Robert Loyd Anderson, Gail Yvone Anderson; Mark Alan Kellar; one brother, Albert Frederick Busse Jr.; and one sister, Jerrilyn Busse O'Neill.

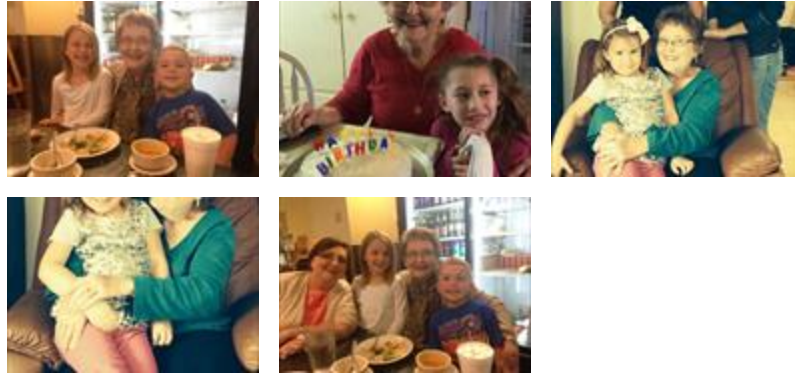
Betty is survived by her husband, Herbert Kellar of Giddings; daughters, Sharon Anderson Maass and fiancé Tommy Lara of Giddings, LT. COL Vera Jean Kellar of Austin, Jasmine Kellar of Houston; ten grandchildren, Staci Leighann Frankie and husband Logan of Fedor, Blake Edward Maass and wife Jessica of Austin, Christopher Caleb Maass and wife Katherine of Rhode Island, Susan Aderson LaPorter of Spicewood, James Eugene Anderson III of Burton, Christoph Vann Dodd Anderson of Missouri, Samira Anderson of Missouri, Jennifer Kellar Davenport and husband Les of Rockdale, Courtney Kellar Paulson and husband Eric of Thorndale, Jared Mark Kellar and wife Laurie of Rockdale; nineteen great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Divinity Hospice at 300 Joe DiMaggio Blvd, Suit 40, Building 11, Round Rock, Texas 78665. or to Children's Advocacy Center in Bastrop. 59 TX-150 Loop, Bastrop, Texas.

# Tribute Wall

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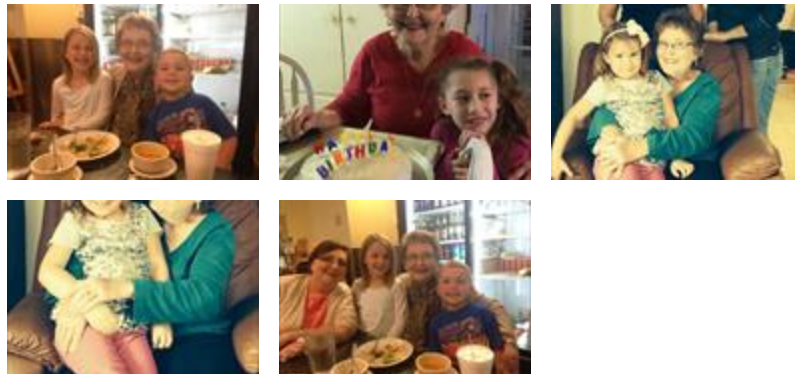
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Eric - July 29, 2024 at 10:03 AM

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“ 28 files added to the album *Betty*



Staci Franke - July 26, 2024 at 09:21 AM

SS

“ My condolences to your family Sharon, your mom was a sweetheart! May she rest in peace.

*Sylvia Sharp*

Sylvia Sharp - July 23, 2024 at 02:51 PM

LH

“ So sorry for your loss. Worked with Betty for many years. She was a good friend and kind person. Prayers for her family. Lois Holle

Lois Holle - July 23, 2024 at 09:19 AM

SM

Lois, thank you for reaching out. I forgot you worked with mom before we worked together.

Sharon Lynn Maass - July 23, 2024 at 06:37 PM

CS

“ Praying for the family. So sorry for your loss. She was a beautiful lady, so giving and loving. God's Blessings Sincerely, Cheryl Cherie Sanders and Mark Allen McDonald.



Cheryl Sanders - July 22, 2024 at 01:15 PM

TM

“ Sharon - Your mother was one of the sweetest women I knew growing up. I always thought so highly of her kindness, compassion and smile. She made a difference in her life and added to the goodness in the world. I am thinking of you and your family.

Tina Melcher - July 22, 2024 at 10:26 AM

BG

“ Betty and Herb were like adoptive grandparents to me. She was the sweetest most loving person. Patience like I have never seen with all the kids. She was a very special woman and I know my life is better for having known her. Betty, you are loved and will be missed.

Brandy Melton Gutierrez - July 21, 2024 at 07:30 PM

CS

“ I met Betty when my daughter started high school and became friends with Jasmine. She was such a very sweet and giving person, she loved her family above all else. It was a blessing knowing her.

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**Carol Sander** - July 21, 2024 at 03:24 PM