



Edna Jean Reat

July 15, 1926 - May 8, 2023

Edna “Jean” Reat, 96 of Pasadena, Texas, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, the morning of Monday, May 8, 2023. Jean Reat was born on July 15, 1926 in Houston, Texas to James and Lila (Williams) Blair. She grew up in the West End neighborhood of Houston and cultivated a love of reading early in life, working at the downtown Houston Public Library as a teenager. She graduated from the nursing program at Hermann Hospital and later earned her BSN at the University of Houston. Jean was known as a natural, loving caregiver by her patients and her family, often anticipating and knowing people’s needs before they did. Jean met the love of her life, Hobson Reat Jr., and they were married on May 4, 1947 on a balcony at St. Joseph Hospital in Houston. Hobby had become very ill shortly after they met and when the nuns at the hospital told Jean they would have to be married for her to stay and take care of him, she didn’t think twice about it. They were married for 57 years and blessed with three sons, Jeffrey, Mark, and Kelly. Jean was baptized as a young girl and her strong faith was the foundation of her life. She was a dedicated member of Thomas Avenue Baptist Church (now known as Monument Baptist Church of Deer Park) starting in 1955 and looked forward to attending Sunday morning worship and the women’s Sunday School class every week. Jean took great joy in keeping her home immaculately clean and tidy, to the constant amazement of her family, often humming and singing hymns as she washed dishes. She always kept a cookie jar full of the best treats and Blue Bell ice cream in the freezer for her

children and grandchildren. She cherished spending time shopping with her granddaughters and showering them with love.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, James & Lila Blair; husband, Hobson Reat Jr.; two daughters-in-law, Susie Reat and Dianne Reat, and four siblings and their spouses, Ward Blair (Eulalia), Gwin Blair (Maxine), Bernice Bishop (E.R.), and Melba Christen (Conrad).

Jean is survived by her three sons, Jeffrey Reat of Giddings, Mark Reat of LaPorte, and Kelly and wife Gina of Giddings; five granddaughters and their partners, Valerie Waugh (Kenneth), Amy Hayes (Michael Box), Amanda Reat (Christopher Stanton), Rachel Reat (Bart Wagner), and Katie Moore (Andy); two step-grandchildren, Jasmine Dennis (Eddie) and Ethan Kindle (Jordan) of Pampa; four great-grandchildren, Layne Sass, Caysin Waugh, Landon Waugh, Luna Hayes, and two great-grandchildren on the way; five step-great-grandchildren, Lilly Hilliard, Cora Sage Dennis, Zoë Kindle, Johnnie Kindle, and Wesley Douglas; sister-in-law, Martha Reat; four nephews, E.R. Bishop Jr. (Laverta), Barry Christen (Liz), Chris Reat (Becky), Brit Reat, and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

Services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at the Woodlawn Garden of Memories Chapel in Houston, Texas. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

1101 Antoine Drive
Houston, TX 77055

Previous Events

Chapel Service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Edna Jean Reat.*



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“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember your mom. We looked forward to Jean and Hobby and the boys visiting Uncle Hobson and Aunt Norene and in turn, the extended Reat family. She was a sweetheart and I know you'll miss her. Prayers and hugs.*

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