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Elizabeth (Betty) Mary Allen Owers was taken through the gates of Heaven Sunday, February 16, 2025, at 5:24 p.m. in Rockdale, Texas.

Her family history is a story of epic proportions and is far too vast to present. She was born under the British Empire in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, India to James Donald Allen and Bertha Jessie Unger, and was the oldest of seven children. She is preceded in death by her brothers Rowland Allen and Alexander Allen and sisters Irene Allen and Venetia Cutts. She is now with her husband of 64 years, Noel Oscar Norman Owers, who passed in November.

Betty met Noel in 1951 in Nagpur, India, and fell in love. They courted for the next eight years, finally marrying in England in 1960. The British Empire had left India and family, and relations were scattered around the globe. She was the only one of her family to relocate to the USA, after sailing the majestic state-of-the-art SS United States ocean liner from London to New York in 1961. She stayed a proud British citizen always proclaiming her Anglo-Indian heritage and finally became a US citizen in 2005.

She was an accomplished legal secretary and would confound the most

hardened lawyer with her shorthand manuscripts. She was a consummate seamstress, songwriter, soprano singer, poet and writer. She won many awards throughout her life and her works were published in books and magazines. Her book “Whispers in the Peepul Tree” is one such collection. Her passion to sing and write poetry and music, short stories and accounts of historic events leaves behind a treasure of memories. She loved to detail our human turmoil and rewards. When she sang, the passion of her voice and the emotion from her heart left many in tears and often not a dry eye was seen wherever she performed. Many concerts in churches, at parties, funerals and Retirement Homes were performed with great zeal with Noel playing the piano for her. Songs like “Danny Boy” were always especially moving! She never failed to deliver an intimate message through her voice no matter what the occasion.

Betty was a strongly committed, devoted Catholic who stayed very involved with Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Richmond, Virginia from 1969 to 2019, for which she wrote the church history for its centennial. For 50 years on and off she led the children’s choir and as well she taught immigrant children to sing in English. She was a Boy Scout’s Den mother for many years organizing scouting events, camping and kayaking and also leading packs and getting inner city children to become Scouts. Her skill as a seamstress and weaver kept her busy mending clothing for people all over Richmond – with a specialty of repairing the most intricate woven materials (repairing suits with cigarette burns or moth holes using Invisible Reweaving techniques). She loved her garden, her English China, Tea at 4, elegant parties, and grand occasions of any kind. She presented herself with the utmost elegance.

She is survived by her brothers Noel Allen and Lawrence Allen of the United Kingdom; four children: Charles Norman Owers of Colorado; Beverly Louise Cummings (Carl) of Texas; Patrick George Winston Owers (Michelle) of Texas; and Bridget Elizabeth Market (Anthony) of Arizona. She adored and

cherished each of her grandchildren: Christian, Annabelle and Samantha Owers, and Daniel and William Cummings. She will be remembered for her passion for singing, creativity, vitality and energetic love for all life.

WHERE MEMORY IS MADE

Upon the busy streetcorners
Or a crowded avenue ...
Or on a quiet village street
Where twinkling eyes and eager hearts may meet;
In a dining car, or
At a bar;
In a banquet hall, or
At a ball;
In the quiet cool by a shaded pool;
In a grand parade
Or a country glade;
Doing the dishes or
Making wishes by
A satellite or a star;
Fixing the baby's two a.m. feed or
Buying a brand new car;
Presenting a drawing room concert or
Watching children at play;
Gazing at ships as
The harbour slips
Out of sight and away;
Sailing the sea, or
Travelling the land;
Singing a song; or

Just walking along

In the stillness of starlight

At dark.

Each little moment is caught, then dressed

In colors that never fade.

Here, in the workshops of the Mind

Memory is made.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery

17501 Nacogdoches Rd
San Antonio, TX 78266

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JO

“ *I so much enjoyed going to visit Mrs. Owers and Noel when they lived in Richmond. Such kind, gentle people. I know you miss them.*
John Edmonds

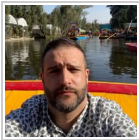
John - March 27, 2025 at 10:57 AM

JA

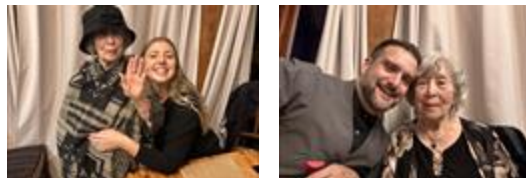
“ *jacqueline Allen lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth (Betty) Owers*



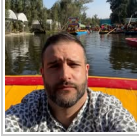
jacqueline Allen - February 22, 2025 at 07:20 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Michael Cutts - February 21, 2025 at 06:28 AM



“ *In loving memory of Aunty Betty,*

Sending love from London to you all.

Every time we hear a poem or a beautifully sung song, we will think of Aunty and the wonderful times we had together, Uncle on piano and Aunty's voice as one, in beautiful harmony.

Your stories of India kept us close to our history and your love will keep us close as a family, all around the world.

Always in our hearts,

Michael and Harvey

David, Debika, Noah, Harris and Raphael

x

Michael Cutts - February 21, 2025 at 06:26 AM

SA

“ *Condolences to Betty's family. I'm so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all.*

From Sheila, Jac, Jason, Ann, and Tony Allen.

sheila Allen - February 20, 2025 at 02:54 PM

LW

“ *Luv Shirley & family in a High Wycombe. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth (Betty) Mary Allen Owers.*

Luv Shirley & family in a High Wycombe. - February 20, 2025 at 02:23 PM

LW

“ Luv Shirley & family in a High Wycombe. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elizabeth (Betty) Mary Allen Owers.



Luv Shirley & family in a High Wycombe. - February 20, 2025 at 02:23 PM

DS

“ David S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth (Betty) Mary Allen Owers.

David S. - February 20, 2025 at 12:21 PM

DS

“ David S. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elizabeth (Betty) Mary Allen Owers.



David S. - February 20, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth (Betty) Mary Allen Owers.



February 20, 2025 at 11:09 AM

AC

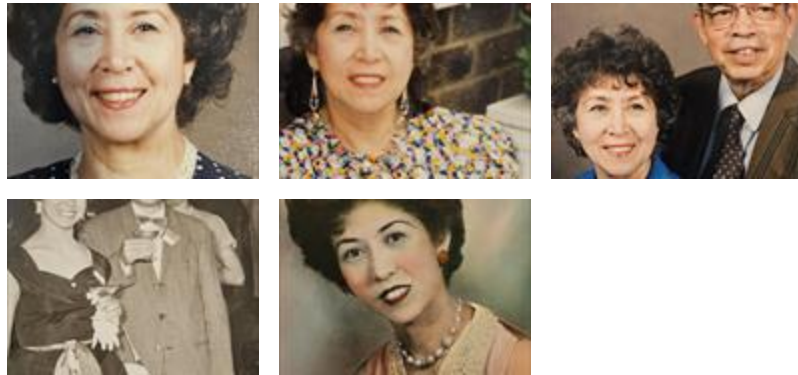
“ Allen Family in Cambridge purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elizabeth (Betty) Mary Allen Owers.



Allen Family in Cambridge - February 20, 2025 at 03:37 AM

BM

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Bridget Market - February 19, 2025 at 11:46 PM



So beautiful ❤️

February 22, 2025 at 07:25 AM

DC

“ Betty and I worked together in Virginia for 20 years and she was a friend to me and my family. She was smart, musically gifted, kind, thoughtful, generous of heart and spirit, devoted to Noel and her family and committed to her faith. I have many fond memories of Betty, such as her dressing in a sari and visiting my daughter's school to talk about her life in India, her visiting nursing homes where she entertained by singing to Noel's piano accompaniment and her writing a poem to commemorate my retirement. We will miss her. Our thoughts and prayers go to her family at this difficult time.

David and Jane Cohn - February 19, 2025 at 03:44 PM