



Betty Calabrese

May 1, 1934 - February 9, 2024

Betty Eileen Calabrese of Sand Springs passed away Friday evening in Tulsa at the age of 89. She was born in Pearl, Illinois on Tuesday, May 1, 1934 to Ora L. and Altha (Williams) Bost. She was preceded in death by both parents, husband Joe Calabrese, and eight siblings.

God placed a call on Betty's life for ministry at an early age. At the age of 18, she married the love of her life, Joe Calabrese, and she served beside him in ministry as an evangelist and pastor's wife.

Widowed at the age of 46, she felt that God had "set her apart" for ministry the remainder of her life. She became a licensed minister in the Assemblies of God. She served in many capacities, including speaking at conferences, youth camps and as director of the Anna Ministry. She had a particular love for the Oklahoma Assemblies of God youth.

Betty had a deep love for her church family at CrossPoint where she served faithfully. They took such loving care of her. She loved spending time with her family and her many friends. She was known for being a prayer warrior and making the best special spaghetti sauce!

A service honoring her life will be held 1pm, Friday, March 1, 2024 at:

CrossPoint Church

4600 South 129 th West Ave

Sand Springs, OK 74063

Those left to cherish her memory are:

Children Pam King and husband, Jim, of Tulsa, OK

Kevin Calabrese and Patti Calabrese of Oklahoma City, OK

Grandchildren Drew King and Stacy, Natalie Morris and Eric, Conner Calabrese, Abbey

Calabrese

Great-Grandchildren Ella Morris, Winston Morris, Josephine Morris, Malcolm Morris, Korbin King

and Kaiden King

As well as many beloved nieces and nephews

In lieu of flowers, because of their long-term loving care of Betty, the family requests that

memorials be made to:

CrossPoint Church, 4600 South 129th West Avenue, Sand Springs, OK 74063

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

4200 Nowata Road
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

CrossPoint Church
4600 South 129th West Avenue
SAND SPRINGS, OK 74063

Tribute Wall



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Calabrese.*



February 27, 2024 at 05:42 PM



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“ *Love, Barbara & Merideth and Stan Little purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Betty Calabrese.*



Love, Barbara & Merideth and Stan Little - February 26, 2024 at 07:35 PM



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“ Ron and Jan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Betty Calabrese.



Ron and Jan - February 26, 2024 at 10:13 AM



“ Jeff and Evelyn Snyder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Calabrese.

Jeff and Evelyn Snyder - February 17, 2024 at 09:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Calabrese.*



February 17, 2024 at 09:10 AM



“ *Betty was a prized spiritual treasure in God’s Kingdom. —What a godly, generous, great lady! Our entire family has been deeply impacted by her love and life. We are so thankful for the many, precious memories of our friendship with Betty, along with the Calabrese and King families. Debbie & I are praying for Pam, Kevin, Jim, and Patti, along with Betty’s grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other family members.*
—Don

Don Yandell - February 14, 2024 at 02:26 PM



If this is the Betty I knew from a church in Tulsa, OK, she was a wonderful person. Did she play the piano. The Betty Calabrese I had the privilege to know played beautifully. So sorry to learn of her passing, but heaven is richer.

Linda Reddell - December 26, 2025 at 06:29 PM



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