



Betty Rhea

October 10, 1927 - December 16, 2020

Betty Jean (Hawkins) Rhea was born on Monday, October 10, 1927 to Byrd Raymond and Bessie Rae (Barbee) Hawkins in Floydata, Texas. She passed on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Services are under the direction of Hayhurst Funeral Home in the Chapel, Wednesday December 23, 2020 at 2:00pm.

Betty graduated from Limestone Gap high school in 1945. She grew up in Wardville and was best friends with Gwen Rhea. They spent many hours swimming in the pond during the summer months, batting snakes away when they got too close. Gwen happened to have an older brother, Felmet. When Felmet returned from the service in 1944, his little sister's best friend piqued his interest, and the romance began. She married her best friend's brother on October 19, 1945 in McAlester Oklahoma and they started their family. The family grew to include three children, eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Betty was a wonderful homemaker, often making clothes for her daughters and draperies for the home, then continuing to make clothes for her grandchildren. She was a secretary for many different companies, including Tulsa University, OSU Extension Center, Oklahoma Osteopathic College, ending with Occidental Petroleum. She was most proud of her work at Oklahoma Osteopathic College where she developed and deployed their Word Processing Department.

She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Broken Arrow and

participated in their Seniors Choir for many years. She was a member of the Lydia Ladies Sunday School Class.

She was also an avid sports fan and enjoyed basketball (having played in High School) and football. Her favorite teams were the OKC Thunder and the Dallas Cowboys.

Betty liked to play Bridge, she started a club at Silver Arrow Estates in Broken Arrow, and was a regular or alternate in a couple of clubs. She also liked to spend time tending her gardens. Most of all, in life, she loved her family. She stayed in touch with extended family, imported out of state grandchildren, and picked up in-state grandchildren from school on many occasions. She loved with food, often hosting family functions, and making sure everyone had plenty to eat of their favorite foods and desserts. Breakfasts with biscuits and gravy, and holiday dinners with ham balls were common requests. Her final days were no different, from her bed she continued directing her family to “go get something to eat”.

Betty is survived by

Son, Jerry Rhea & wife; Nancy of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Daughters, Charlotte Rhea of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Priscilla Dougherty & husband; John of Collinsville, Oklahoma

Grandchildren, Heather Clevinger & husband; Shawn, Valerie Hilliard and husband Justin, Jeff Rhea and wife Audrie, Curtis Rhea, Patrick Clark, Pascalle Clark, and Johnny Dougherty

Great-Grandchildren, Brayden Clevinger, Savannah Clevinger, Liliana Clevinger, Isabelle Clevinger, Zayne Hilliard, Abrielle Hilliard, Titus Hilliard, Aidyn Rhea, William Rhea, Tristin Coyle

Preceded in death by husband, Felmet, brother, Jerry Hawkins and grandson, Andrew Dougherty

Cemetery Details

Park Grove Cemetery

1000 W. Houston St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 259-8691

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **22**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
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Visitation

DEC **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Rhea*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Video Tribute*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 22, 2020 at 10:30 AM

KB

What a wonderful video. It captures the beautiful life of our beloved Aunt Betty. I am so sorry we cannot be with you this afternoon in Tulsa. God Bless each and every one of you. Treasure her memory. Sending love,

Kay

Kay Boyd - December 23, 2020 at 10:18 AM

MB

*Tribute is appropriate indeed!
Aunt Betty was beautiful in all ways. She made our world a better place.
We will hold memories of her in our hearts until we meet again.
She is reunited with her beloved Jack and others that have gone on before.
I regret, I cannot show my respect to your family in person. I send prayers for comfort and my love to all.
Marcy*

Marcy Beleele - December 23, 2020 at 12:04 PM

BW

“ I remember Mom (Norma Jean Wilson) telling me that she signed as a witness on the Marriage License when Betty Jean (Hawkins) Rhea and her brother, Felmet Stalcup Rhea were married on 19 October 1945.

Bill Wilson - December 17, 2020 at 06:15 PM

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“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Rhea family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Betty.



Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 17, 2020 at 09:34 AM