



Betty Jeanne Norton

July 30, 2012

August 19, 1919 - July 27, 2012

Biography

Betty Jeanne (Richards) Norton, age 92, passed away Friday, July 27, 2012, while taking a nap at her home in Tulsa.

Betty was born August 19, 1919, in Clarksburg, West Virginia to Earl and Floy Richards (Pitts). Her family moved to Tulsa when Betty was nine years old—she graduated from Tulsa Central High School in 1937.

After marrying Cecil E. Norton, accountant, in 1943, Betty became the best “1950’s stay at home mom”—always with the milk and cookies after school. Betty’s first love and her “calling” was her service as a Sunday School teacher for over 50 years at Tulsa Baptist Temple. She was beloved by hundreds of boys and girls who watched her tell Bible stories every Sunday with her flannel-graph board. Her sweet spirit will be missed.

Betty was crazy about dogs, starting with the family collie Muffin and most recently her Blondie.

Betty is survived by daughter Cathy (Norton) Taylor, Tulsa; son Jack Norton, Tulsa; granddaughter Robin Williams Hicks and her husband Chuck Hicks, Tulsa; granddaughter Corey Wren Williams and her husband Greg “Skee” Raskin, Tulsa; great-granddaughters Lily Raskin and Sophie Raskin; great-grandson Benjamin Hicks; niece Sharon Cox Vanderlan and her husband Don Vanderlan, San Juan Capistrano, California; niece Letha Lee Cox Dolowitz,

San Francisco, California; niece Anita Cox Miller and her husband Lowell Miller, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; grand-niece Iris Tarou and her husband Kirk Tarou, San Francisco, California; also survived by Sydney Tucker, Tulsa; David and Rosa Taylor and daughters of Mesquite, Texas; and Andrew and Jamie Hudson and children of Lumberton, Texas.

Betty will be remembered by all who knew her for her faith, devotion, generosity and kindness.

Betty was preceded in death by both parents; husband Cecil E. Norton; brother Jack Richards; sister Violet Richards Cox; brother-in-law Marion Cox; son-in-law Tom Taylor; also Jo Chick mother of Sydney Tucker.

Memorial services to honor Betty Norton will be held Sunday, August 5, 2012, at 2 PM at Tulsa Baptist Temple Chapel located at 12th and Columbia Streets in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with Pastor Rocky Harrill officiating. A short reception will follow.

Memorial donations may be made to the Humane Society of Tulsa, 6232 E, 60th St; Tulsa, Oklahoma 74135.

Services

Memorial Service

Sunday, August 5, 2012 at 2:00PM

Tulsa Baptist Temple

Facts

Born: August 19, 1919

Place of Birth: Clarksburg, West Virginia

Death: July 27, 2012

Place of Death: Tulsa, Oklahoma

Occupation: Homemaker

Survived By

Jack Norton, Son

Cathy Taylor, Daughter

Corey Williams, Granddaughter
Robin Hicks, Granddaughter
Lily Raskin, Great Granddaughter
Sophie Raskin, Great Granddaughter
Benjamin Hicks, Great Grandson
Sharon Vanderlan, Niece
Letha Dolowitz, Niece
Anita Miller, Niece
Iris Tarou, Great Niece
Sydney Tucker, Friend
Rosa Taylor, Friend
Andrew & Jamie Hudson, Friend
Preceded in Death By
Earl Richards, Father
Floy Richards, Mother
Cecil E. Norton, Husband
Jack Richards, Brother
Violet Cox, Sister
Marion Cox, Brother in law
Tom Taylor, Son-in-law
Jo Chick, Dear Friend

Tribute Wall

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“ My dear Aunt Betty had the most beautiful complexion. She was smart and always courageous no matter what life brought her. I'm so glad that she had a peaceful death as she deserved to "go gentle into this good night."

Sharon Vanderlan - August 05, 2012 at 06:08 PM

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“ Betty will always be remembered as a kind, loving person. During the 1980's we had a very active group in the Pre-Teen Department at Tulsa Baptist Temple. When Betty turned 70 we attended a birthday party at her home. Betty showed us that she could still turn a somersault at 70 years of age on her living room floor. We all loved Betty and will never forget her.

Roy & Vivian Kidd - August 04, 2012 at 06:14 AM

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“ Betty will always be very special, in my heart. She was a wonderful Sunday School teacher, whom I have loved for over 45 yrs.

Annette Pharris Heidebrecht - August 03, 2012 at 08:48 AM