



# Betty Jean Clarke

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**B**etty Jean Clarke, age 96, passed peacefully from this life on January 23, 2023, in Tulsa, OK. She was born Betty Jean Tally, in Urich, MO to George Alec Tally and Eva K Tally Fleming. As a child, she moved with her family to the Tulsa, OK area. Betty married Henry B. Clarke, Jr in 1945 and they made their permanent home in Tulsa.

As a wife and mother of five, she was content to be a homemaker. She took in work as a seamstress for the public while raising her family and also had an interest in painting. She became quite accomplished in watercolor and oils. Much of her work hangs in the homes of her children and dear friends. As a late bloomer and entrepreneur, she took an interest in real estate at age 56. She became a realtor soon thereafter and worked at Century 21/Jim Kelly and Patterson Realty in Tulsa for nearly 30 years combined. She also owned and rented property of her own. Her career in real estate rewarded her richly with many life-long friends. After she retired, she acquired her Chihuahua puppy named “Pablo”. He was her constant companion and the new “man of the house” for many wonderful years.

Betty had a creative and endearing personality, she often used wit, common sense, and endless expressions to convey her true thoughts on ANY subject. She will be truly missed by all those who knew and loved her. She is preceded in death by her parents, two beloved sisters, Anna Mae Caldwell and Pauline Jennings, her Husband of 32 years, Henry Bass Clarke, Jr., her infant daughter Dianne Clarke, and treasured friend and partner, Dr. J Dal Baker.

Betty leaves behind her 5 children: Son Kent Clarke and wife Michelle, his children Kendall Hotz, Wayne Clarke (deceased), and Drake Clarke, and their families.

Daughter Marcia Fowler and husband Geary, their children Jamie Pestel and Brian Fowler, and their families. Daughter Mary Beasley and husband Ron, their children Vince Barton and Adam Barton and their families. Daughter Julie Bland and husband



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Mike, their children Cassie Williamson and Kyle Bland, and their families. Daughter Debbie Lyon and husband Kenn, their children Gabriel Lyon, Julie Lyon, Mathew Lyon, and their families.

A “Celebration of Life” is planned for Friday, February 24th, 2023. The family will send out more details once arrangements are finalized. If you have additional questions, please contact a family member. We encourage everyone to share their favorite stories of Betty (see link below) so the family can share at their Mother’s celebration event..



## Tribute Wall

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BF

**Brenda Fears** sent a virtual gift in honor of Betty.

Betty was a great friend. She loved her plants and came to my house and planted ferns in my yard that I am continuing to enjoy. We had so many fun times in art class painting. Betty was determined with what ever endeavor she took on. She was an inspiration to me. One of my favorite times was when several women friends came over on Valentines and my husband Len cooked steaks for us all. All felt very special. She had a great life because she loved people and her sweet dog Pablo added so much joy. Wear your wings well my friend.



February 25 at 4:04 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Clarke family.



February 22 at 4:55 AM

RS

**Randie S.** posted:

Betty was a wonderful lady and she is missed. I wish I had gotten to say goodbye, but I didn't know until today. I think my favorite memory is when my coworker asked "What type of plant is this?" while holding Lily sprouts spread under what looked like hay. Betty didn't see the Lillies under and said "I guess that's hay. I don't know where it came from, but I don't need any hay". We all got a good laugh after, and she confirmed they were actually Lillies. She sure was proud of her family and liked to connect with people. I will always remember her. I doubt anyone except maybe Marcia will know what I mean, but this is Coupon speaking. Betty, I miss ya!

February 10 at 5:41 PM

MH

**Mike Haley** posted:

I thanked Betty many times over many decades for my career and my life pathway. Betty took me under her wing when I was a brand new Realtor at Century 21 Boss and Thomas. She mentored me firmly and honestly. We both merged with C21 Jim Kelley and she decided to join Chuck and Wayne Patterson at Patterson Realtors and encouraged me to come aboard, said they ran a great, ethical company. I followed her advice and retired forty years later after a great career and owe it all to one of the finest people I have ever met. Love you Betty and thanks for your guidance and friendship and sense of humor, you have had a positive impact on so many people, you will be missed...Mike Haley

January 27 at 8:03 AM



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**Kristi Harris** posted:

There are so many stories I have about Betty. I loved sitting on the kitchen porch while she cooked or baked and her laugh was something I had to work for, but when she did laugh, it was glorious. I'm grateful for her guidance in my life.

January 25 at 1:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Betty by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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