



Betty Sue LaRoe

February 15, 2021

Betty Sue Cruise LaRoe, 89, our beloved mother, grandmother and friend went back to the Lord on Monday February 15, 2021. Born in 1931 in Terrell, Texas to Maud Lois Sharrock Cruise and Sidney Lanier Cruise, both of Terrell, Texas, as their 3rd child. She attended Terrell schools, was Drum Major and Football Queen and graduated Terrell High School in 1948. She was crowned Vetch Queen in Kaufman County's then annual Vetch Festival. In 1954, she married, her husband of 46 years, James K. LaRoe Jr (also of Terrell, Texas) in Maracaibo, Venezuela while working for Brown & Root Construction Company. They made their home on Poetry Road in Terrell, Texas for over 40 years raising 2 sons, James K. LaRoe III and Daniel J. LaRoe. Betty loved and was very active in her church, Episcopal Church of The Good Shepherd, Terrell, Texas for many years including the church vestry and was also active in many charities including Notre Dame School of Dallas. She helped bring tennis to Terrell in 1970s and loved to play, was a voracious reader, a painter with friends and expert level at crosswords. She especially loved bridge with friends, although claiming not be expert level at that. She had many friends including many lifelong friends and loved to laugh but most of all loved family. She especially loved her grandchildren Sydney Ayn LaRoe, James K. LaRoe IV, Jagger Cole LaRoe and Savannah Victoria LaRoe, as their "Gammy". Betty was a true matriarch as a hands-on presence in her family's life, attending sporting and school events of her grandchildren as well as spreading love every holiday, birthday and summer vacations. Every Sunday

was spent with her family watching football or just hanging out enjoying lunch or dinner. Betty is survived by her son Jim, his wife Nicolette LaRoe, Betty's close friend and daughter in law of over 24 years, and her grandchildren, all of Dallas, Texas and son Dan and his wife Michele LaRoe of New Braunfels, Texas. Throughout her life, everyone who met or knew Betty smiled or laughed because of her quick wit and ever-present sense of humor. She had a signature style and true grace that was her hallmark. She was predeceased by her mother, father, husband Jim and brothers Sidney Lanier Cruise, Jr and Richard Texas Cruise. We will miss her greatly but her impact on our lives and her memory will last forever.

Due to the pandemic and associated risks to friends, the family will have a small service at 10am on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Terrell, Texas with a public committal service at 11:30am at Oakland Memorial Cemetery In lieu of flowers, please send any donations In the Memory of Betty LaRoe to The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 200 W College St. Terrell, TX 75160, 972-563-2412.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
200 W. College St.
Terrell, TX 75160

Committal Service

MAR 20. 11:30 AM (CT)

Oakland Memorial Park
1000 W. Moore Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Sue LaRoe*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Betty and I shared many happy times together as we were growing up there in Terrell. She was a special lady! Horace and I send our sincere condolences in your time of loss. Jean Ann Ables-Flatt and Horace Flatt*

Jean Ann Ables-Flatt - March 19, 2021 at 07:09 PM



“ *So many fun and cherished memories with our Betty. We will miss her extremely! Love to all the family. Bob, Beth, Angie, Jason, Robby and Kert.*

Robby Sturgeon - March 18, 2021 at 07:25 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Sue LaRoe.*



March 18, 2021 at 07:22 PM

PW

“ Jimmy and Dan , your mom was the Best ! I should know because I styled her hair for 25 years. In all those years she never had an unkind word for anyone ever. She treated everyone with the same respect. Betty created a life of love for her family. Jimmy, she was so happy when Sydney was born. She adored that precious girl, then Jake was born and it was love all over again ! I was sad when she moved from Terrell but happy for her being close to you and her grandkids. It meant the world to her. Betty is loved and will always be missed. " You're my friend -
What a thing friendship is,
How it gives the heart and soul
a stir-up !
Robert Browning

Pat Woods - March 18, 2021 at 01:36 PM

ML

“ Molly, Jenny, Lee and Liz purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Betty Sue LaRoe.



Molly, Jenny, Lee and Liz - March 18, 2021 at 11:37 AM

OT

“ I loved your Mom. I am a member of Good Shepherd in Terrell. Betty always made me feel so needed and wanted as a member. She really showed Christian love to everyone.

Octive Turner

Octive Turner - March 12, 2021 at 03:52 PM

GC

“ Betty was always a delight to be around with her zest for life. I knew her as a child and as an adult. I enjoyed it when I had an opportunity to visit with her. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Ginny Cartwright - March 09, 2021 at 10:30 AM

JS


“ Betty was my cousin and I have lost contact many years ago.
with palms folded
Jerry Sharrock

Jerry Sharrock - March 02, 2021 at 08:32 AM

JS

“ Betty was my cousin and visited her when I was in town.
Will miss her so much
with palms folded
Jerry Sharrock

Jerry Sharrock - March 02, 2021 at 08:26 AM

 Julie Young

“ My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.



Julie Young - February 28, 2021 at 08:09 AM