



Betty Jo Shipley

July 20, 1936 - February 19, 2025

Betty Jo Shipley was born in Crandall, Texas on July 20, 1936, and passed away in her home on February 19, 2025, at the age of 88, following a valiant battle with COPD.

Betty attended school in Forney and graduated in the class of 1954. She loved sports and competition and participated in basketball and cheerleading. In 1955, she married the love of her life, Bobby Shipley. In 1960, they were blessed with one son, Tim, who was their greatest pride and joy. They continued to reside in Forney, always close to numerous family members and friends.

Her fierce love for her family was evident. She had a tough exterior, but underneath she was loving and affectionate and was always available to help in any circumstance.

She dedicated her life to Christ at a young age and was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Forney.

Betty was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and proudly joined through female lineage. An avid genealogist, she and her sister, Debbie, spent over 40 years researching family history and everyone in the family received a pedigree chart tracing their individual family tree.

Her working career was spent at Glazers Wholesale Liquor where she worked for over 40 years as a statistician. She retired in 2002 and spent her days continuing her work in a studio setting, quilting with her late sister, Nancy. They worked from daylight till dark on quilts and their entries won either first

place or best in show in the State Fair 10 years in a row. If you got married or had a baby, you were gifted one of these beautiful heirloom creations. Their talents were extraordinary with love and perfection poured into every stitch. In the mid 1980s, she learned to play Bridge. Over the years, she played in many bridge clubs. She continued to play at the Senior Citizen's Center until the day before she passed. She also enjoyed many games of 42, canasta, chicken foot, and dominoes, with family and friends.

Affectionately known to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren as Granna or Bee, she loved spending time with them. When Tim Jr. was young, she would hunt all over Dallas for the newly released Power Ranger, so he could add to his prized collection. In recent years, her great-grandchildren brought her so much joy and she loved watching them grow.

She was never bored. She loved to read and read the newspaper from front to back daily. She stayed on top of current events and was always up for a discussion of the latest politics. She enjoyed books and was an enthusiastic reader. She preferred the feel and smell of real books, but did graduate to a Kindle some years ago.

Other activities she enjoyed were gardening and working in her yard. She tended to her beautiful flower beds and the more dirt she could get her hands on, the better! If she found out you were somewhere that sold dirt, she was having a bag or two!

Never wanting to forget an important event, she amassed a huge collection of photos. She kept them neatly organized in countless albums for all to cherish. Other items she enjoyed collecting were antique thimbles and Wedgewood Jasperware.

Betty was the eldest of three daughters born to James Guyton Singleton and Inez Nichols Singleton. She is survived by her son, James Timothy (Tim) Shipley and wife, Charlotte; grandson James Timothy Shipley, Jr. (Tim) and wife, Sarah, granddaughter Micah Lynn Ryan and husband Wesley, great-grandchildren Cole Bennett Shipley, Cody Lane Shipley, Easley Michelle Ryan and Emery Samuel Ryan; sister, Deborah Singleton Stuart and husband

Aaron; niece Melissa Stuart; numerous beloved cousins, extended family, and many dear friends.

Preceded in death by her parents, James Guyton Singleton and Inez Nichols Singleton; husband Bobby Gene Shipley; sister Nancy Singleton Sloan.

Funeral services for Betty will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2025, in The Forum at First Baptist Church Forney, with Brother Jerry D.

Griffin officiating. The family will receive friends beginning at 1:00 p.m., prior to the service. Interment to follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Forney.

The family would like to thank the services of Lifted Hospice and her friend and nurse, Edna Sloan.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

401 W Broad St.
Forney, TX 75126

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Forney
1003 College St.
Forney, TX 75126

Funeral Service

FEB **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Webcast in memory of Betty Jo Shipley*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - February 24, 2025 at 12:49 PM



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Jo Shipley*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - February 24, 2025 at 10:14 AM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty Jo Shipley.*

February 25, 2025 at 08:58 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Shipley.



February 24, 2025 at 04:55 PM



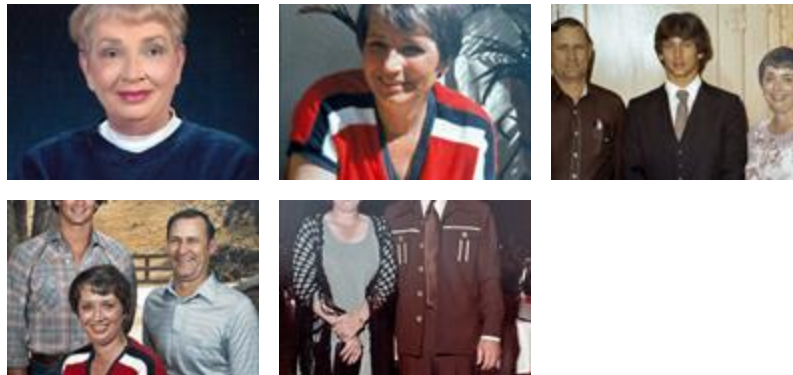
“ The Gobert Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Betty Jo Shipley.



The Gobert Family - February 24, 2025 at 12:31 PM



“ 150 files added to the album Memories Album



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - February 24, 2025 at 10:14 AM

KG

“ Karin and Jim Gagne purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Betty Jo Shipley.



Karin and Jim Gagne - February 22, 2025 at 08:04 PM

KG

“ Karin and Jim Gagne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Jo Shipley.

Karin and Jim Gagne - February 22, 2025 at 08:04 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Shipley.



February 22, 2025 at 02:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty Jo Shipley.

February 22, 2025 at 02:46 PM

MD

“ Mark and Laura Duckworth purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Betty Jo Shipley.



Mark and Laura Duckworth - February 22, 2025 at 01:22 AM

MD

“ Mark and Laura Duckworth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Jo Shipley.

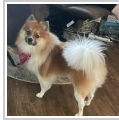
Mark and Laura Duckworth - February 22, 2025 at 01:22 AM

RG

“ Betty was one of my very first friends I met when I moved to Forney and started going to the Senior Center. How I enjoyed playing cards with her every Monday. She was such a gentle, loving and caring soul and I will miss her very much. My sincere condolences to her family.



Rosemary Greny - February 21, 2025 at 11:53 PM



Rosemary, Betty loved you, Nadine, Morris, and our sweet Sharon. I hope she's got a good card game going in Heaven. Thank you for sharing! Debbie

Debbie Stuart - February 23, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Shipley.



February 21, 2025 at 07:43 PM

AM

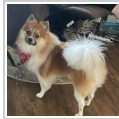
“ I worked with Betty at Glazers and had the greatest admiration and respect for her. She showed me how women could succeed and thrive in the male dominated alcohol beverage industry. Rest in peace my friend.

Anita Motard - February 21, 2025 at 06:06 PM

JC

I worked with Betty for over 40 Years at Glazers. She was smart, kind and tough. She could do more in one day than most of us could in a week. She was always on top of the game, and always willing to help anyone. She was highly respected by all who knew her. She loved her work and the company and was one of the strongest promoters of the family and her co workers. She always talked about Bobby and Tim. She was a wonderful lady. We will all miss her. May she rest in peace .
Jerry Cargill

Jerry Cargill - February 22, 2025 at 12:43 AM



Jerry, Betty had such wonderful memories of her years at Glazers. The company was very good to her. Knowing my sister, she gave her all to her job. She had great respect for you. Thank you for sharing your memories of Betty.

Debbie Singleton Stuart

Debbie Stuart - February 23, 2025 at 12:28 PM

WF

“ Wanda and Joel Landers and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Betty Jo Shipley.



Wanda and Joel Landers and family - February 21, 2025 at 11:42 AM

JB

“ Those of us at the Creative Arts at the State Fair have missed Betty and Nancy for some years. Their craftsmanship and friendship meant alot and we are so sorry to hear of her passing. Their beautiful quilts will be a huge legacy for both their memories.
Jo Bowen - Quilts Dept., Creative Arts Dept.

Jo Bowen - February 21, 2025 at 10:08 AM



Jo, thank you for sharing. They both loved participating in the State Fair every year! It just doesn't seem real that both my sisters are gone. Thank you for the kind words. Debbie Singleton Stuart

Debbie Stuart - February 23, 2025 at 12:31 PM

RS

“ Richard and Deanna Shipley purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Betty Jo Shipley.



Richard and Deanna Shipley - February 21, 2025 at 01:27 AM

AB

“ Annette and Keith Bell purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Betty Jo Shipley.



Annette and Keith Bell - February 20, 2025 at 11:07 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Shipley.*



February 20, 2025 at 07:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty Jo Shipley.

February 20, 2025 at 07:45 PM



“ *David Shipley purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Betty Jo Shipley.*



David Shipley - February 20, 2025 at 07:20 PM