



Beverly Brittain

November 2, 1927 - July 24, 2020

Beverly Katherine Ownby Brittain, longtime resident of Terrell, passed away peacefully into the presence of her Savior on the evening of July 24, 2020. Beverly was born November 2, 1927 in Ennis, TX to Clifford and Katherine (Hardin) Ownby and she was met in Heaven by her parents, her husband, T. Manley Brittain, Jr., granddaughter, Jennifer Wood, and siblings: Clifford Hardin (Buddy) Ownby and Ellen Rosson.

Beverly graduated from Lamar High School in Houston, Tx after which she attended, and graduated from, Texas State College for Women (now known as Texas Women's University) in 1949 with a degree in Fashion Design. During her collegiate career, she created one of a kind clothing designs that were truly magazine quality. On June 20, 1949, she married the love of her life, Manley Brittain, of Terrell, where they made their home and raised a family. Beverly loved to serve her community and she jumped right in to help with many civic and organizational groups with artistic and scholastic clubs being her favorite. She and Manley were longtime and active members of First United Methodist Church where her faith and friendship were constants in the church's activities and outreach. Beverly had the soul of an artist and she saw beauty in everyday objects and circumstances. She was a talented painter who created colorful art that continues to inspire others. She was a founding member of the Friends of Hulsey Library where she also served on the advisory board for over 43 years and also had memberships in several other clubs including the Pilot Club, TISD Band and Tigerette Parent Organizations

and numerous committees at First United Methodist Church in Terrell. Beverly was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, precious great grandmother, sister and friend and her gentle smile and generous spirit will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her daughters: Diane Bridges and husband, Dennis, of Terrell, Claire Brittain of Terrell, Laura Wood and husband, Dan, of Terrell, and Katherine Brittain and wife, Buffy, of Terrell; grandchildren: Meredith Woosley and husband, Chad, of Kaufman, Natalie Koets of Terrell, Michael Koets and wife, Savannah, of Gentry, Ark., Elizabeth Smith and husband, Chris, of Terrell, and Matthew Linkous of Forney; great grandchildren: Braeden and Leighton Woosley, Landon and Lila Kate Smith; sister, Margaret Perkins of Houston, TX; sister-in-law, Barbara Ownby of Houston, TX as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, church family and a host of friends, all of whom loved Beverly greatly.

A private interment will be held at Oakland Memorial Park where Beverly will be laid to rest next to Manley. For those wishing to honor her legacy, memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 503 W.College St, Terrell, 75160 or to the Friends of Hulsey Public Library, 301 N. Rockwall Ave., Terrell, 75160 or at <https://www.hulseypubliclibrary.org/get-involved/friends-of-the-library/>. Beverly's family would like to extend special words of gratitude to her loving caregivers: Pam, Shae, Janie, Desiree, Keisha, Aasia, Jackie and Mimi and also to Dr. Angela Ozment and the caring staff at Broadmoor Medical Lodge in Rockwall.

Tribute Wall



“ *Beverly Brittain*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Katherine, Diane, Claire and Laura and the Brittain Family, I am so sorry for your loss and yet so grateful that you shared your sad news. Your Mom and grandmother was a constant joyful presence at the local library. The years we lived in Terrell were formative for my entire family. Beverly's eternal humor, her faith in the basic goodness of people, and her willingness to share her life and her appreciation of art and beauty remain an inspiration.*
SuzAnne Beard, Dripping Springs

SuzAnne Beard - July 29, 2020 at 06:43 PM



“ *Katherine, Diane, Claire, and Laura--I am so sorry that Beverly is gone and that your grief is compounded by not being able to gather in love with all the people she touched. What a beautiful, sassy, charismatic, and caring woman she was. She always welcomed you to the house and into her heart. Her legacy lives on in you and your families and through the light you carry on to this world.*

Alison (Caughran) Grieggs - July 29, 2020 at 04:12 PM

CO

“ My brothers and I have lots of great memories of Aunt Beverly. The hospitality at the Brittain home was endless. Thanks to Aunt Beverly’s positive cheerful presence we never ran out of fun things to do and see in when we visited Terrell.
Aunt Beverly was a great sister in law to our mother Barbara and we never tired of her stories about growing up with her brother buddy, our father, and her two sisters on Danville St. in Houston.
The Ownby Boys

Clay Ownby - July 27, 2020 at 05:27 PM

TS

“ Beverly and Manley were married in June, 1949. On November 24th of that year they invited and took me to College Station to my first Longhorn/Aggie football game. I was 16 years old and a junior in Terrell High School. They knew I had aspirations to attend UT, and I was more convinced that day after my visit to Kyle Field and the Aggie campus.. It was just the three of us. The Horns won 42-14. A great thrill. I have always appreciated them doing this for me. Tom Snow

Tiom Snow - July 27, 2020 at 04:15 PM

SB

“ So. sorry to hear about your mom. My prayers are with you and your family at this time

Sharon Boyd - July 27, 2020 at 03:15 PM

KA

“ One of the most positive and upbeat people I know. I haven’t seen her in a long time, but I’m definitely a longtime admirer. And just look at the wonderful legacy she has left with such a wonderful family.

karen - July 27, 2020 at 02:24 PM

JL

“ You hear it all the time but it was so true of Beverly: Her smile really did light up the room. It was genuine, engaging, and life-giving. We will miss her fine spirit.

Marty and Janet Lumpkin

Janet Lumpkin - July 27, 2020 at 12:44 PM

 Aasia
Massie

“ Fly High like the dove you were I'm going to miss you so Much you were like a second mom to me I will forever hold you dear to my heart
💜 I promise I love you always and forever!



Aasia Massie - July 26, 2020 at 07:44 PM

PJ

“ I helped her in the library. She was the sweetest person. My condolences to the family. Pam Hanselka Joyce

Pam Joyce - July 26, 2020 at 03:00 PM

MM

“ Prayers and love to all the family. Mrs. Britain was such a beautiful lady. Always so friendly and sweet to everyone. I know God will bless all of you and be with you.

Margaret Lovell Matura - July 26, 2020 at 02:49 PM

MD

“ So sorry to hear about your mom. I was going thru some of moms pictures the other day and ran across one of your mom and dad at my parents wedding, and your mom was expecting Diane. What fond memories we all have of our parents thru the years. Jean and I are keeping the entire family in our prayers.

Mike DeFord

Mike DeFord - July 26, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Beverly Brittain.



July 26, 2020 at 01:28 PM

SD

“ Katherine,

I am so sorry to hear about you mother. She was so kind and always had a smile on her face. Stephanie and I are praying for you and your family, and may it bring solace that your mom and dad are together again, "hanging out" with my mom and dad.

Scott DeFord - July 26, 2020 at 11:09 AM

CH

“ My sympathies to all of the family. I remember Mrs. Brittain being at the Elementary library. She was so sweet to us. She always made sure we found the perfect book to read. Always with a smile.

Cindy & Rick Hunter - July 26, 2020 at 08:32 AM

CB

“ *My deepest sympathy on the loss of your very kind mother. She was a very special woman who was always smiling! Prayers for all...*

Cathy (Schaeffer) Baker - July 26, 2020 at 12:50 AM