



## Elizabeth Rose Holland

August 5, 1926 - July 15, 2025

Elizabeth “Betty” Van Pelt Holland, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully at the age of 98 at her home in Terrell, Texas.

Born August 5, 1926, in Lexington, Kentucky, Betty was the daughter of Lena Thompson Van Pelt and Edwin Montigue Van Pelt. She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Patricia Smith and Peggy Gillam, and her devoted husband of 53 years, L.R. “Dutch” Holland.

During Betty’s early life, the hardship of the Depression saw her family moving between Kentucky and Oklahoma to try and make ends meet before settling in Waco, Texas, in 1942. Betty graduated from Waco High School, where she threw herself into every choral and theatrical activity available. She attended Texas Woman’s University and married Dutch on January 6, 1951. They made their home in Baytown starting in 1963, where Dutch entered the car business. He bought Dutch Holland Oldsmobile in 1974.

Betty was active in the Baytown Garden Club and later joined the Browning Club in Terrell. She loved singing, writing, gardening, sewing, bridge, and cheering on her beloved Texas A&M Aggies. An enthusiastic and gifted poet, she never sent a card or gift without a thoughtful rhyme.

Above all, Betty adored her family. She is survived by her son Phillip “Flip” Holland and daughter Christianne Richards; grandchildren Cody Holland, Jason and Susan Richards, Travis and Crystal Richards, Chad Richards, and Ryan Keser-Richards; as well as many nieces, nephews, and great-grandchildren.

She loved her dogs—and everyone else’s too. Her warmth, humor, and generous spirit will be deeply missed.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Betty’s devoted caregivers: Olivia Soto, Anna Garnica, Juanita Aguirre, Janie Garcia, and Lorena Zubir. Their tireless care and compassion were a true blessing in a difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to flooding relief in Kerr County via Samaritan’s Purse at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ *Dee Jean(Grace) Jan purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Elizabeth Rose Holland.*



Dee Jean(Grace) Jan - July 16, 2025 at 12:59 PM

LS

“ *Love, Beth Raia and Jean Sheppard purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elizabeth Rose Holland.*



Love, Beth Raia and Jean Sheppard - July 15, 2025 at 09:52 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Rose Holland.*



July 15, 2025 at 06:05 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elizabeth Rose Holland.*

July 15, 2025 at 06:05 PM

RB

“ *Robert Brandt purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elizabeth Rose Holland.*



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**Robert Brandt** - July 15, 2025 at 05:07 PM