



Betsy Kay Stites

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A celebration of life for Betsy Kay Stites, 66, of Longview will be 3 PM Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at the First Christian Church in Longview with Rev. Jim Lewis and Rev. Michael Macey officiating. Betsy leaves many loved ones and friends with the image of a smiling, giving and vibrant person. Services are under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview. Betsy passed away Sunday night in a local nursing home.

She was born in Tyler, TX on August 17, 1939 to Dr. and Mrs. R.H. Kay. She grew up in Palestine, Texas graduating from Palestine High School. She attended Mary Baldwin College and graduated from Texas Christian University with a degree in Speech Therapy. She also earned a Masters Degree in education from SFA. In her career she was affiliated with the Dallas ISD, Longview ISD and the Harrison County Co-op in Hallsville.

She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority, Longview Junior Service League and First Christian Church, where she taught Sunday School for ten years. Late in her career, Betsy volunteered at Crisman Preparatory School and as a result, she was recognized as "A Point of Light" by President George H.W. Bush. She was also honored by the Longview City Council with a "Betsy Stites Day". These were very special times for Betsy. Betsy's family, students and friends were a blessing to her. She truly loved them all. She was and will be remembered as an act of kindness to many.

Betsy was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by Bill Stites; daughters Susan Pinson and her husband Chuck, and Elizabeth Mitchell and her husband Jay, all of Longview; grandchildren Molly Mitchell, Will Mitchell and Libby Mitchell all of Longview; brother Hunter Kay of Franklin, TX; and Neilson Rogers of Sherman, TX.

Memorials may be made to: Crisman Preparatory School, 2455 N. Eastman Rd.,



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Longview, TX 75605, or to Alzheimer's Alliance, 3613 S. Broadway Suite 401, Tyler, TX 75701.



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Anonymous posted:

We were very sad to hear of Betsy's death. I have many, many wonderful memories of growing up with Betsy, and I treasure each one. Mary Jane Fagan Banister###imported-begin###Mary Jane and Paul Banister###imported-end###

October 9 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Elizabeth and Susan, I have been reliving all the beautiful memories I have of Betsy from 3rd grade on. We shared many wonderful and happy times together. I have and will continue to miss her so much. She was a loyal friend and I feel so blessed to have known her for over 55 years. God bless you and your families. Love, TomE' Gregg###imported-begin###TomE N. Gregg###imported-end###

October 6 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To Elizabeth & Susan... Betsy was such a wonderful woman! We had the funniest conversations when she'd pick me up to babysit for the two of you! I know she was extremely proud of the women you've grown into. May God bless you...###imported-begin###Beth Stahl###imported-end###

September 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I will always remember Betsy's smile. She was a dear dear lady. I had the pleasure of working with her @ LISD and we were also tennis pals in the Longview Tennis Assn. You and your family are in my prayers.###imported-begin###Delores Morris###imported-end###

September 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Susan and Elizabeth -I am very sorry to hear about Betsy. My memories of her are what a wonderful and kind person she was. She even put up with visits to you girls from the Sunshine Square boys! Our condolences to you and your families.###imported-begin###Bubba Mackenzie and Family###imported-end###

September 14 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Bill, I just wanted to let you know that I am so sorry about Betsy's death. I will be thinking about you and praying for you and the family as you make adjustments with life without her. I know you have been faithful, loving, and caring for all the years you shared together.##imported-begin##Bill Collins##imported-end##

September 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I had the privilege of getting to know Betsy through the League. She was always so much fun and always had a smile on her face. You always felt better after being around her. I will always remember her kind heart. I am so sorry for your pain and loss. Your family is in my prayers.##imported-begin##Kem Kibbe##imported-end##

September 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Elizabeth, My prayers are with you and your family. I could not attend the service. Your mom was a great lady. I know you have alot of wonderful memories. Love, Sara##imported-begin##Sara Bruyere##imported-end##

September 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Billy, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.Love, Grace and Carol Blanton##imported-begin##Grace Blanton##imported-end##

September 12 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Elizabeth and Susan - My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. Your Mother was a sweet, kind loving person. Always remember her as she was when you were growing up. She was active in school activities, PTA and ofcourse our famous COLT cheerleaders and pep squad. She was always a pleasure to work with.May God be with you.##imported-begin##Mary Stahl##imported-end##

September 12 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Bill and Betsy's loved ones: My prayers are with you at this time of loss. Betsy was truly one in a million. What wonderful memories I have of her in old P. H. S., class of '57.##imported-begin##Larry Funderburk##imported-end##

September 12 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

##imported-begin##Sally Shaw##imported-end##

September 12 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Susan, Elizabeth and Bill, I am so sorry for your loss of Betsy. She was such a sweet, funny person.##imported-begin##Ginny Jones##imported-end##

September 12 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Elizabeth and Susan, I am so sorry about the loss of your Mom. My love and prayers to you and your families.##imported-begin##Alexis Summers##imported-end##

September 12 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Bill, it was such a shock to learn the sad news. I will always remember you from the days we worked for the same company, and I was never a personal friend of Betsy's, but I vividly recall what an adorable, bright person she was. You were such a stunning couple! My deepest sympathy to you and your family. I am so sorry. Love and prayers, Gloria Plant##imported-begin##Gloria Plant##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Bill, Elizabeth and Susan, Our hearts go out to each of you. Betsy was a wonderful person who always made us smile. We are all better for knowing her. Much love to you and your family.##imported-begin##Stephanie & Danny Sachnowitz##imported-end##

September 12 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I have fond memories of an energetic neighbor with a passion for life. I can still see Betsy walking on our street LeDuke Blvd in Longview---stopping to say hello. My condolences to the family as my prayers are with you. Vi##imported-begin##Vi Stahlecker Alexander##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Bill, Susan, & Elizabeth, I will always remember Betsy's sweet smile when she came into the Courthouse. May God give you all the strength to get thru this.##imported-begin##Shirley Allen##imported-end##

September 12 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Bill, Susan, Elizabeth and family, I have fond memories of Betsy, esp. when she would come up and talk in whispers, and walk off, like she had told me a secret. I always looked her up and checked in on her. I will always remember her on her/our birthday. God bless each of you.##imported-begin##Marie Powell##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Betsy was such a dear, sweet person. As I did my daily walk on LeDuke Boulevard, I would get to see her in the yard. She and I would always have time to speak, talk and laugh. It was a privilege to me to call her a friend. Nancy S.##imported-begin##Nancy W. Sawyer##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Billy, Jean and I want to let you know that we are thinking of you during a sad time in your life. We have always admired the devotion you have shown through the last several years. We love you and we are keeping you in our prayers. Freddie & Jean##imported-begin##Fred & Jean Sutton##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Bill, Elizabeth & Susan - My memories of Betsy will always be happy ones. We played tennis together for so many years, and we always had a good laugh to go along with our exercise. Blessings on you and your families.##imported-begin##Jeanne J. Evans##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Elizabeth & Susan - I am so sorry about the loss of your Mom. You and your families are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Jennifer Davis##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Susan, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember the joy I got everytime that I would have the privilege of waiting on her here at the Credit Union. She was truly a special lady. May prayers are with you and your family at this sad time.##imported-begin##Rickye Aldaco##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Susan and Elizabeth, Mom just emailed me about sweet Betsy. I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember Betsy with her sweet voice and warm eyes. My family will keep you in our prayers. Cherish the memories and know she is an angel watching over all of you. I know your mother is in a better place, but that does not make the loss any easier. May God ease your pain in the days to come. Love, Courtney McAninch Miller, Don Miller, Daric and Meri-Margaret Miller##imported-begin##Courtney McAninch Miller##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Elizabeth and family, You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this time of loss. May you find comfort knowing an angel is with God and she will forever be watching over you. God bless you. Connie##imported-begin##Connie Campbell Gadt##imported-end##

September 12 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Susan, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Julie Gentry##imported-end##

September 12 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Elizabeth, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family right now in the loss of your Mother! Kim, Dan & Dylan Droege##imported-begin##Dan Droege##imported-end##

September 12 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I shall always remember Betsy as a loving, caring, giving person with the best sense of humor. She made the room light up and told the best stories. Our love to you Elizabeth and all of your family.##imported-begin##Patty Gage##imported-end##

September 11 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I loved Betsy! How dear and precious she was. HEAVEN HAS GAINED ANOTHER ANGEL. To her precious Dtrs & Grand Angels, I send my eternal love. I love each one of you as I loved Betsy.##imported-begin##Millie Harper##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

My love I send to all of Betsy's loved ones and love you she did. She was a dear sister in many respects. Bill, Elizabeth and Susan-you all were wonderful to her. She was a little angel in our midst and I know she is now one for eternity. Linda##imported-begin##Linda Butter##imported-end##

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