



# Betty Wyche Rader

MAR 27, 1932 - DEC 8, 2018



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## **Betty Wyche Rader**

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**B**etty Wyche Rader, 86, of Longview, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, December 8, 2018.

She was born March 27, 1932 in Kilgore, Texas, the daughter of Clinton Preston and Mary Lois Harrell Wyche. She grew up in Kilgore and attended Kilgore Public Schools. Betty received her associate's degree from Kilgore College where she was a member of the Rangerettes and then graduated from the University of North Texas with a major in Business Administration.

She married her high school sweetheart, Charley Rader on December 27, 1952.

In 1953, Charley and his father, LeRoy, purchased the Rains and Talley Funeral Home in Longview. After Charley's graduation for mortuary school in 1954, they moved to Longview, where they made many wonderful, lifelong friends.

Betty was raised Presbyterian and one of the first things they did was join the First Presbyterian Church in Longview, where she enjoyed being a longtime member of the choir. She later became a charter member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Longview.

She was active at the funeral home acting as bookkeeper and secretary in the early years and later working the register at funerals. She truly enjoyed her time as a member and past President of the Junior Service League, now the Junior League of Longview. Betty loved working at the Bargain Box and serving on almost all the different committees through the years. She was active in her church and numerous organizations in Longview including, The Shakespeare Club, Friday Bridge Club, Junior Literary Club, and the Green Thumb Garden Club.

Betty was a loving and devoted mother, wife, grandmother "Grandmommy" and was truly joyful about becoming a great grandmother. She always commented on how truly blessed she was to have had her children close by and by the many wonderful friends she made during her life.



## Obituary

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Her faith in Christ helped sustain her during these last few years of her life as her health declined. She really missed the freedom of being able to drive so she could go visit friends, shop and enjoy doing things with her friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Charley in 2007; her parents, and her sister, Alice Lon Bowling.

Survivors include her daughter, Lynn Martin and her husband, Jerry of Longview and their children, Emily Vandenberg and husband, Jay of Houston and Laura Caple and husband, Jimmy of Dallas; her son, Charles Rader and his wife, Lacy of Longview and their children, Preston Rader and his wife, Erika of Longview and Sarah Rader of Longview. She was blessed with 6 great grandchildren, Charley and Lainey Vandenberg, Carson and Will Caple, and Benjamin and Abigail Rader. Also surviving are her nephews, Bob Bowling and wife, Cathy, Clint Bowling and wife, Nancy, and Larry Bowling, along with other extended family.

Following a private family graveside, a memorial service will be 2:30 pm on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Doug Ashley officiating under the direction of Rader Funeral Home. Her pallbearers will be the funeral directors and staff of Rader Funeral Home.

Special thanks and love to her caregiver, housekeeper and dear friend, Lou Scott for the wonderful, loving care she gave our mother for so many years. We also want to thank the staff of Heartsway Hospice for their compassionate care and to her wonderful caregivers who enriched her life, became part of our family and cared for her these last few years, Pam Watson, Carla Jones and Jennifer Leuschner.

Memorials may be made to the Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church or to a charity of your choice.

A memorial guestbook may be signed at [www.raderfh.com](http://www.raderfh.com)




# Events


**Betty Wyche Rader**

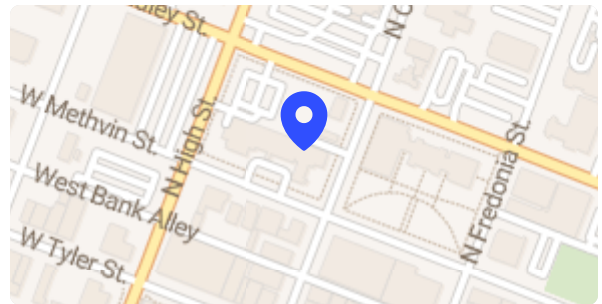
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## Memorial Service

 **Wednesday**, December 12, 2018

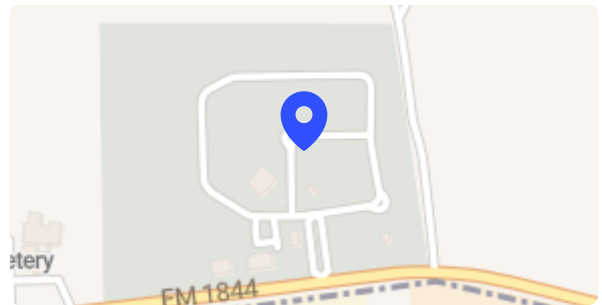
 2:30 PM CT

 **First Presbyterian Church**  
301 N. Center St., Longview TX



## Cemetery Details

 **Rosewood Park Mausoleum**  
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605





## Tribute Wall

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HB

**Hatch Bailey** posted:

Charles, I am so sorry for your loss, so very very sorry!! She looks beautiful in the photo and her obituary is impressive. My thoughts and prayers are with you, my friend, and I'm not just saying that... I truly mean it! Very special blessings to you and all your wonderful family:) Sincerely, Hatch

March 1 at 8:30 AM

WF

**Walter Ford** posted:

Charles, Sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Walter "Doc" Ford and Sons Funeral Home Cape Girardeau, Missouri

March 1 at 4:41 AM

DR

**Debbie Richardson** lit a candle in honor of Betty.

Lynn, I am so very sorry for the loss of your Mother. She was always so very kind and sweet to me, as well as your father. They are together again and loved each other so very much. My heart goes out to you.



December 22 at 10:06 AM

GG

**Gwen Gallagher** April 19 at 8:50 AM

Betty was always gracious when greeting visitors who came to funerals at Rader's. Lovely lady!

AR

**Amy Raney** posted:

Lynn and Charles, We are so sorry for your loss. Your mom was so kind and thoughtful to me. I loved to listen to her beautiful voice in church. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Amy, Ken, and Grace Raney

December 16 at 4:07 AM

RB

**Rebecca S Buckner** posted:

Charles and Lynn, I have such good memories of your mom. She was my choir buddy at First Presbyterian and she was just so sweet to me. I'm so sorry for your loss. Rebecca Selph Buckner

December 12 at 2:57 PM



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DA

**Dona And Jimmy Adams** posted:

Charles, Lynn, and the entire Rader family We are so sorry for the loss of Betty. She was one of the kindest ladies we have ever known. She will be missed by all who knew her as was your dad. Dona and Jimmy Adams

December 12 at 12:17 PM

BG

**Bonnie Geddie** lit a candle in honor of Betty.

Charles, Lacy, Preston, Erika, Sarah and all family and friends, we are sorry for your loss, but praying for peace and comfort. What a legacy Mrs. Betty leaves behind. Hugs and prayers Bonnie Geddie



December 12 at 8:33 AM

SS

**Steven Self** posted:

I am so sorry for your Tremendous loss. The Rader and Martin Families will be in my Thoughts and Prayers. The Rader Family is a Special Family, they have served this community for so many years and have always gone above and beyond to comfort Families during such a difficult times.

December 12 at 4:59 AM

JS

**Jerry Schroeder** posted:

Lynn and Charles, sorry for the loss of your mother. Glad she is at peace and again with your dad. Praying for you and your family. Jerry & Paula Schroeder

December 12 at 4:58 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Rainbow Reflections Basket to the Rader family.



December 11 at 1:49 PM



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JP

**Jack Park** posted:

I remember Betty was always open, smiling, friendly, and glad to see you. A pleasure to be with. Jack Park

December 11 at 10:45 AM

SM

**Steve Coker, Messenger, LLC** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Rader family.



December 11 at 9:39 AM

BF

**Bob And Debi Farrell** posted:

Dear Rader and Martin families - What a wonderful lady your mother was! We will always remember her elegance, grace, and dignity. We know you and your children and grandchildren have a lifetime of beautiful memories to cherish. Our condolences to you all. Bob and Debi Farrell

December 11 at 8:51 AM

SH

**Sue Henderson** lit a candle in honor of Betty.



December 11 at 8:35 AM

NS

**Nelda Strong** posted:

Each time I saw Betty, through the decades of our friendship, she greeted me with such loving joy. What a treasured friend she was! Her bright smile and the twinkle in her eyes will always remain close to my heart. She and Charley were a perfect pair during the times of loss in my life, offering care, concern, and guidance. I'm certain that Betty and Charley would be very proud of how the families have kept the tradition going. This entire family is a cherished gift to our community. You all have brought comfort to us, and I pray that you each will feel the love that is being poured out to you now. Regrettably, I'm unable to attend the service tomorrow, but my loving prayers will be with you.

December 11 at 6:49 AM



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RW

**Robin Williams** posted:

Charles & LaceyCheech and I send our deepest condolences to you and your family. I am sure your mother was a very special lady and you have many great memories. You are in our thoughts and prayersRobin and Cheech Williams

December 11 at 6:26 AM

SB

**Salky Gossett Barron** posted:

Love and prayers are extended to the Rader-Martin family. Betty was a role model to me for many years. I will always remember her as a beautiful lady who loved God, her family, her friends, and her community. She gave much to so many. I will hold memories of Betty in my heart as she has now graduated to Heaven.

December 11 at 6:19 AM

MW

**Mary Williams** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Rader family.



December 11 at 5:41 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Rader family.



December 11 at 4:51 AM

RB

**Rick Bissler** posted:

Charles, Lacey, and Family,Jane and I are sending you Peaace and Blessings as you walk this path. Please know that you are in our hearts...Rick & Jane BisslerKent Ohio

December 11 at 4:08 AM

BM

**Bettye Dow Mitchell** posted:

Lynn and family,Our condolences in the loss of your mother, Betty. A wonderful lady.Bettye Dow Mitchell and Larry

December 11 at 4:04 AM



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**Mark Miller** lit a candle in honor of Betty.

Please accept my deepest condolences. Mrs. Rader always welcomed you with the most cheerful and warmest of hello's and a "How are you doing" It was such an honor to work with her and her family at Rader Funeral Home for almost eight years.



December 11 at 4:03 AM



**Peggy Rochford** posted:

Very sad to hear Betty Rader passed. She was always very kind to me. Such a lovely, classy lady. It was clear her family was her shining star. Her legacy will be long lasting. May God bless you thru this difficult time.

December 11 at 3:35 AM



**Mary Kate Hunter** lit a candle in honor of Betty.



December 11 at 12:12 AM



**Polly** December 11 at 5:26 AM

Your family is in our thoughts and prayers,with love Bill and Polly Goodman



**Mary Kate Hunter** December 11 at 12:16 AM

I treasure the time I spent with this dear lady when my daughter, Loretta Lloyd, introduced me to her. Rest in blessed peace.



**Anonymous** sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Rader family.



December 10 at 6:52 PM



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JG

**Johnny Greathouse** posted:

Charles and Lynn - and family, We are saddened with the loss of Mrs. Rader. We extend our sincere condolences to you. Please know each of you will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Johnny and Andrea Greathouse

December 10 at 2:49 PM

CA

**Cathie** posted:

Charles, so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Cathie Tattrie

December 10 at 2:01 PM

BB

**Bill And Linda Brock** posted:

Dear Charles and Lacey, On behalf of Linda and myself we extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your mother. Mothers are very special. At this time of year it is even more difficult, however at this moment she is walking streets of Gold, face to face with her Lord and Savior. May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Lovingly, Bill and Linda Brock

December 10 at 12:56 PM

KB

**Kay Bechtold** posted:

Lynn my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family in the loss of your mother. May God bless you in this time of need. Kay Bechtold

December 10 at 10:05 AM



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VG

**Vera M. Garlough** sent a virtual gift in honor of Betty.



Growing up in Kilgore just a few blocks away, I was thrilled and proud when cousin Mary Lois Wyche would bring me some of Betty Jo's nice out-grown clothing when we were young. As a teenager, I was just the right size for them. I remember admiring the way Betty Jo walked down the long aisle of First Presbyterian church--head high, always smiling, friendly, smartly dressed. Secretly, I would watch and think "oh, I hope I get to have that outfit next." Betty carried this same confidence throughout her life. She was definitely called to be at Charley's side to operate Rader Funeral Home all these years. Her countenance was always sincere, warm and dignified as she offered comfort to those in bereavement during our most difficult times. At the same time, Betty endeared herself to everyone her life touched: family members, friends, employees, and strangers. Lynn and Charles, how joyful your parents, together again, must feel watching you, your children, grandchildren and the next generations carry on their important family legacy. I shall miss her. Vera Mitchell Garlough

December 9 at 8:35 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Rader family.



December 10 at 8:11 AM

SM

**Sharon McAfee** posted:

Sending love & prayers to the Rader family.Sharon & Kelly McAfee

December 10 at 8:05 AM

GT

**Glenn Taylor** posted:

Betty and Charlie were wonderful friends during our OGR years. Camilla and I always appreciated Betty's warm charm and gracious support. She helped us grow, probably without realizing it. We're sorry for Charles and Lynn that her life here has ended yet are grateful for the life she now has.With sincerest regards,Glenn and Camilla Taylor

December 10 at 7:33 AM



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GB

**Glenda Burt** posted:

Betty lived a life well loved. With her grace and beauty she inspired her husband, children, and friends within their enterprises to understand service with compassion. We were blessed for over forty years that Betty and Charley included us in the Rader family. Lynn and Jerry, Charles and Lacy - God bless you and your families in this sad hour. Glenda, Wen, & Virginia - The family of Larry Burt

December 10 at 3:52 AM

CB

**Celeste Boyd** posted:

Love & prayers for Rader Family

December 9 at 6:28 PM

WS

**Wayne Sanders** lit a candle in honor of Betty.



December 9 at 4:04 PM

MG

**Mark And Nancy Gibson** posted:

Betty was dear to our hearts with a ready smile and a genuine love for everyone who crossed her path. A radiant spirit and always with a servant's heart. This dear lady will be missed and memories of her will always live in our hearts. Love to each of you! Mark and Nancy Gibson

December 9 at 4:00 PM

BB

**Barbara Baker** posted:

Charles and Lynn, During the time I worked for the Rader family Mrs Betty was always so sweet to me...I enjoyed hearing Charley and Betty talk about the first location of the funeral home, they lived upstairs and when there was a funeral Charles and Lynn had to be very quiet while waiting upstairs. Mrs. Betty told the best stories, she could remember the names of everyone. She will truly be missed. Barbara Baker

December 9 at 12:01 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Rader family.



December 9 at 11:25 AM



**Brenda Liverman** posted:

Lynn and Charles,,Betty was such a sweet friend. She was always so glad to see me, no matter where we happen to be. Always dressed perfectly! Ready for a good time! Such a dear!Prayers and hugs for all of you,Brenda Liverman

December 9 at 8:35 AM



**Nancy Cato Bullock** December 12 at 6:14 PM

Growing up my family lived just down the street on South Martin from the Wyches. Clint Wyche and my daddy, Ben Cato, were very good friends. I have many memories of Betty Jo and Charley and, of course, Alice Lon. Prayers for your family during this sad time.Nancy Cato Bullock



**Sandra H Killingsworth** December 12 at 8:33 AM

Lynn,I was sorry to hear about your mother's passing. She was such a beautiful lady both inside and out throughout all these years. I know you will miss her so much. I hope that you and your family find comfort in knowing that she was so admired by many.Sandy Hawkins Killingsworth



**Ruth Sullivan Kay** December 10 at 3:50 AM

Dear family,Betty became my customer at Albertsons many years ago and quickly became my good friend. We had so many wonderful visits when she would buy groceries. She would always brighten my day and it was always a pleasure to see and assist her.Please know of my love and prayers for all of you at this time. May God comfort you during this time of loss of such a wonderful lady.Ruth Sullivan Kay



**Helen Dale Simons** December 9 at 9:33 AM

So very sorry to hear this news! Betty was always a nice friend to me while we lived in Longview! Especially when Elizabeth died. I will always remember her kindness! Sending love and prayers. Dale Simons



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Betty by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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