



Betty Robbins Hurst

March 19, 1934 - June 13, 2020

Betty Robbins Hurst, our precious mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt passed away peacefully June 13 in Longview, Texas. Betty graduated Longview High School and was Salutatorian of the Kilgore College class 1952. She graduated from University of Texas in 1954 with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master's degree in History from Stephen F Austin University 1978.

Betty was born March 19, 1934 in Longview, Texas to John Cyril Robbins and Mary Lee Donaghey Robbins, both deceased. She married Charles Henry Davis (deceased) in 1955. After Charley's passing, she married Bob Motley Lloyd (deceased). After Bob Lloyd's death in 2001 she married Dr Charles Richard Hurst (deceased).

Betty was a loving, caring, giving influence for her family, friends, and organizations. She could find the positive in everything and was a bear for getting things done. She was the kind of friend that went the extra mile for you. She was very sought after to sit on boards as she said little but made the one sentence that changed direction for success.

Betty loved to travel the world. A 50th birthday gift was an around the world trip. Betty and a few friends traveled ten years in a row to Simone Beck's and Julia Child's cooking school in the South of France. She became good friends with Julia Child. With her good friends Claire Foster and Pat Houston she brought celebrity world attention to their famed Stockpot, a fine dining and celebrity cooking school in Longview.

She was involved in the oil and gas corporation Robbins Petroleum, The Travel Station, real estate development and investments. She served on the Governor's Commission for Women under Governor William P Clements, Jr. She was Senior Trustee of the Board of Trustees of Austin College for eight years; President of the Board of Trustees of Good Shepherd Foundation, Good Shepherd Medical Center, Longview; past Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Longview Summit Club; past President of the Junior Service League (now Junior League) of Longview; member of Chi Omega Sorority Alumnae; and past member of the Captain William Young Chapter of the Daughters of the American

Revolution, Junior Literary Club, and the Green Thumb Garden Club.

She served many times on the Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church where she was Senior Warden twice. She served as Vestry liaison for Trinity Church and the Trinity School of Texas where she was a past Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

She is survived by her children, Charles Robbins Davis (wife Pamela) and Elizabeth Joyce Davis. She had three grandchildren, Charles Robbins Davis Jr (deceased), Wesley Davis Linseisen (husband Nathan), and Mary Brooke Davis. She is also survived by her brother John Clinton Robbins and sister Dorothy Robbins Kennedy Skeans (husband Ted). She was loved by 14 nieces and nephews: Carrie Boren Headington (husband Greg), Dan Boren (wife Andrea), Lynn Robbins, Susie Robbins Dixon, Gail Robbins (deceased), Beverly Ann Robbins, Neina Mead Kennedy, George E. Kennedy III (wife Carlene), Kelly Davis Sosland (husband Steve), Dr. Robert F Davis III (wife Linda), Seleta Marie Davis, Jeffery Davis Hoffman (deceased), Conrad Christof Hoffman (wife Margarita), and Roy Howard Hoffman.

The family would like to thank the staff at Hawkins Creek for the loving care they gave Betty.

In lieu of flowers gifts may be made to Trinity School of Texas, 215 N Teague St., Longview, Texas 75601.

A public memorial service will be held at a future date to be determined.

Cemetery

Memory Park

2823 E. Marshall Ave.

Longview, TX, 75601

Comments



“ One of the bright spots during my career in education was in 1997 when I began my tenure at Trinity School of Texas where I was blessed to meet, work with, and enjoy a special friendship with Betty. Guided by what was best for the children, she was a quiet, strong influence on the success of TST. Whatever wrongs or inefficiencies she saw, she graciously and kindly led others toward making positive moves in the right direction.

Betty was consistently the same wherever I saw her, and whenever our paths crossed, I always knew she would greet me with her beautiful smile and a warm hug. My prayers go out to all of the family and friends whose lives will never quite be the same without her. May God bring you comfort, peace and joy during the days ahead.
Glenda Johnson

Glenda Johnson - August 18, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ I knew her my entire life and most of all I remember her eternally positive outlook on life. Her obituary is only a glimpse of her influence on others. And while not as good as her annual Christmas Letters, it is quite beautiful. As long as the sun shines we can know it is partly due to her and she is near.

-Davis Northcutt

William Davis Northcutt IV - June 22, 2020 at 12:26 AM



“ Beautiful tribute to our dear lifelong friend.
We have been blessed to call her our friend.
Love to family. Kitchen Cabinet friends Foster Houston Kirkpatrick, Macey, Northcutt Phillips are there to greet her. Linda & Charles Thomas

Linda Thomas - June 21, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ It was a privilege and a joy to care for Betty in her twilight years! She was elegant and appreciative through it all and we were greatly rewarded with her sweet smile and countenance! Our staff at Hawkins Creek and I, personally, miss her dearly.

Cherry Sikes - June 21, 2020 at 10:06 AM



“ So many fond memories. Betty was a part of my life from the early years when Charles and I attended a Trinity together all the way through my years in food service. Such a wonderful lady with a beautiful smile. The one story that sticks out in my mind occurred in the 7th grade. Some how she had drawn the short straw and had to pick up Charles, Brew Houston, myself and I think a couple of others from a football game. As we traveled back home down 80, one of us brilliant kids decided it was time to sing the fight song and so we did, at the top of our lungs. And as if that wasn't enough, a case was opened and out popped a trombone or trumpet to join in. Any other parent would have pulled over and read us the riot act. Not Betty. Showing the patients of Jobe, she put a smile on her face and joined in the joy of the children. She was a good guardian to her friends children, She was a shining example of love and kindness. She was an inspiration. She made a difference.

Davis Noble - June 21, 2020 at 12:26 AM



“ BETTY AND I WERE NEIGHBORS ON ROBINWOD WE SHARED MANY FUN EXPERIENCES THANKS TO OUR CHILDREN MOSTLY? Charles Henry and I were childhood friends. Betty will be missed by many, a lovely lady. My best to her children.
Judy Morison

Judy Morrison - June 20, 2020 at 11:15 PM



“ Betty Hurst was my hero. As I came on board to Trinity Day School in 1983 I was blessed to learn how a leader demonstrates leadership.
Betty was so very influential in the expansion of Trinity School of Texas as we know it today.
She helped in every way possible in the success of the very first graduation class in 1990!
The Board meetings were held at her home complete with wine and Julia Child meals.
Betty loved all of us students, faculty, administrators and Head of School Julia Wall. The Davis Lewis Hall stands in memory of her on the campus today. I will miss that gorgeous smile and that Betty hug I always received!
We will forever be grateful to you Betty. Until we meet again.....

Jan Paine - June 20, 2020 at 08:33 PM



“ Charlie and Elizabeth I'm so sorry. Your Mom was a very special person to me. Growing up next door to you all left great memories that I treasure always. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you Molly March

molly march - June 20, 2020 at 08:21 PM