



Betty Jeannine Bailey

January 27, 1938 - December 10, 2025

BETTY JEANNINE BAILEY was born January 27, 1938 in Freeport, Texas to Homer Alton and Ollie Pearl Davidson Gilliam and returned to God on December 10, 2025.

After graduating high school, Jeannine worked in Houston as a secretary and administrator for a cardiologist at Herman Memorial Hospital in the Houston Medical Center. She married Thomas Eldon Bailey Sr on May 17, 1965 in Dallas.

After marriage, Tom's petroleum career took them to many countries over the next five years. Jeannine enjoyed learning languages and cultures and befriending many out of necessity, all while being a young wife and new mother. These experiences guided her through many other endeavors over her life.

Once back in the US, they lived in New Orleans and Lafayette, Louisiana, and then settled in Spring with their children Greg, Jennifer, and Kim. During this time, Jeannine pursued higher education and received her Bachelor of Arts in History and English from Sam Houston State University (Magna Cum Laude), and a Master in Library Science from The University of North Texas.

They moved to Brenham where she worked as the Librarian at Blinn College,

and built their last house on 32 beautiful Texas acres of rolling hill country with large clusters of live oak trees. It was there that they both retired and she enjoyed life and gazing out over her land from her front porch until her latest years.

Jeannine was a genuine and endearing mother, sister, and friend who never met a stranger, went out of her way to make others feel comfortable, and always made sure everyone was taken care of. She loved antiques, parties, chocolate, gardening, flowers, and Texas. These were all part of her. She put God, family, and friends before herself.

Survivors include her children Greg Bailey of Ovilla, Jennifer Taylor of Seattle, and Kim Boone of Houston; her grandchildren Scarlett and Hazel of Houston and Lena of Seattle, and many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Bailey was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her sisters Ginger Wetherford, Janet Badger, and Shirley Pyburn; and many others, both family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **14.** 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Visitation

DEC **15.** 9:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-1500

Funeral Service

DEC **15.** 10:30 AM (CT)

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Reception to Follow Service

DEC 15. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

DEC 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

La Bahia Cemetery
809 Boundary School Rd.
Burton, TX 77835

Tribute Wall



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of *Betty Jeannine Bailey*.



December 15, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ *From Cullen, Alison, Hudson & Ethan Gray* purchased the *Love Everlasting Bouquet* for the family of *Betty Jeannine Bailey*.



From Cullen, Alison, Hudson & Ethan Gray - December 14, 2025 at 12:51 PM

GI

“ I knew Jeannine from library school. We were both in a master’s degree program on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jeannine and I ended up in the group that went to lunch together so we got to be good friends by the time our two-year program was finished. I remember all of us talking about the guy in our class, who won the lottery and who wouldn’t buy the class a cup of coffee at break as the teacher suggested. Jeannine jokingly told the lunch group that if she won the lottery, we would know because she would pull up in a limousine, and she would have lunch catered for the whole class. We all had a good laugh!

We kept up with each other when she and Tom moved to the Brenham area. I thoroughly enjoyed driving up to visit and running around Brenham and Round Top looking for antiques and going to the Antique Rose Emporium. Back at their home, I enjoyed hearing about Jeannine’s job at the Blynn College Library and comparing notes as librarians. We would sit on the porch and look out over the hills and talk about her front garden while we waited for the sun to go down.

When I called or visited, my favorite Jeannine line was, “Whatcha know girl?” She loved nothing better than having a good chat. She will be missed.

Gina - December 13, 2025 at 09:42 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Jeannine Bailey.



December 13, 2025 at 05:41 PM

VS

“ Know that she was loved by all us, in
Huntsville, Texas



Vicci Shook - December 13, 2025 at 01:26 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the
family of Betty Jeannine Bailey.



December 13, 2025 at 12:59 PM

LF

“ Love, The Mullen Family purchased the Sentime
nts of Serenity Spray for the family of Betty
Jeannine Bailey.



Love, The Mullen Family - December 13, 2025 at 12:43 PM

MB

“ Mark C. Bailey purchased the Heavenly Heights
Bouquet for the family of Betty Jeannine Bailey.



Mark C. Bailey - December 13, 2025 at 12:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Jeannine Bailey.*



December 12, 2025 at 07:40 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Jeannine Bailey.*



December 12, 2025 at 07:26 PM