



Betty Jane Upchurch Easter

November 16, 1923 - October 20, 2020

Betty Jane Upchurch Easter of Houston passed away October 20, 2020. She was born November 16, 1923 in Italy, Texas to Ida V and Thomas Walter Upchurch. She is preceded in death by her husband John Killian Easter (Jake) and her brother, James Couch Upchurch, and nephew James Douglas Bean. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Minerva Upchurch, nieces (spouses) Laura Upchurch Banowsky (Bill), Susan Upchurch Rutledge (Tim), Sandra Easter Munz (Kevin), Teresa Easter and nephews (spouses) Thomas Allen Bean (Jan), Robert Bruce Bean (Kathryn), Thomas Hayne Upchurch (Elizabeth), and their families.

Betty grew up on a farm in Italy, Texas and graduated from Italy High School in 1941. She was a gifted athlete in many sports (anything with a ball), but her first passion was basketball. After graduating from high school, she attended the University of Texas at Austin and graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration.

Upon graduation, Betty moved to Houston and began a 25 year career with Humble Oil and Refining where she was Executive Secretary to President Dr. Charles Jones. During her career, Betty was known for her integrity by co-workers. As a single, working professional, she developed life-long friends with whom she enjoyed bowling, ice skating, tennis and many road trips. Betty and Jake were married on November 14, 1959 and lived happily together for 44 years until his death in 2004. Betty's marriage to Jake expanded her world to include boating and fishing in Bolivar, trips to

Minnesota, a trip to Europe, and the J and J Ranch, a 33 year partnership with James and Minerva. The common and enduring thread for their lives was embracing family relationships.

Betty was a devoted member of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ throughout her life. Betty and Jake were active members of Memorial Drive Christian Church for 50 years. Betty faithfully served MDCC in many capacities, especially by sharing her professional skills supporting the church office.

Throughout her life, Betty was also a sports enthusiast following the UT Longhorns, Rockets, and Astros.

Betty was generous with her time and devoted to her family and many friends. We will miss her sweet smile, loving nature and kind heart. She was a blessing to all.

The family wishes to thank the many friends who cared for Betty in recent years, including Tracey Gargan, members of MDCC, and her caregivers. Arrangements for services are pending. Inurnment will be in Italy, Texas. Visit www.DettlingFuneral.com for more information and to leave words of condolence for the family.

Our family has decided to establish a memorial gift fund in honor of Betty; donations can be made to Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest. Our suggested category is the "Regional General Fund" electronic donations can be made at ccsw@ccsw.org. There is a tab for "Donations" on the website home page. Other donations can be mailed to the regional office: PO Box 1689 Fort Worth TX, 76101.

Cemetery Details

Italy Cemetery

Italy, TX

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

Italy Cemetery
Italy, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Jane Upchurch Easter*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Betty Jane Upchurch Easter*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Betty Jane Upchurch Easter*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Betty Jane Upchurch Easter*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *For more than 25 years Mrs. Easter has been a dear and beloved resident of our neighborhood community. She was a kind, caring and devoted Christian lady. She was loved, respected and admired by everyone who knew her. We extend our heartfelt condolences to her entire family. She will indeed be missed.*

Kenny and Mickey Schwab

Kenny and Mickey Schwab - October 25, 2020 at 12:39 PM