



## Bobbye Ruth Burke

April 24, 1934 - July 30, 2023

Bobbye Ruth Burke, 89 of Houston passed away July 30, 2023. Bobbye was born April 24, 1934, in Livingston, Texas to Stafford and Ruth Manning. She is preceded in death by her parents and Husband Tom Burke of 43 years of marriage. She is survived by her son Tommy Burke, her grandchildren Claire Burke and her fiancé Rayna Baldwin, TJ Burke his wife Amy Ximora – Burke their children, Jack and Zoe Burke.

Bobbye grew up in Livingston Texas and graduated from Sam Houston State University, she went on to become a Kindergarten teacher, where she would teach for 44 years in HISD, 43 of those years in the same classroom. She was awarded the Lewis Hein award for Child Advocacy in 2012 in New York City, and the joy for shaping young lives, did not stop in retirement. After she retired from her Kindergarten classroom she went on the volunteer her time at ABC West, where she found a new calling for helping the disadvantaged youth and disabled student body.

Bobbye enjoyed the theatre, watching her fightin' Texas Aggies on a Saturday afternoon and enjoying fabulous restaurants; and was a member of the Daughters of the Revolution. Bobbye was a fashionista, you would often find her in a new outfit, sporting some fabulous broach or one of her signature David Webb bracelets. She was passionate and opinionated and instilled that not only in her students, but also her family. She was a firecracker, loud and

strong in her convictions but a wonder and beauty to look at.

A chapel service at Dettling Funeral Home will be held Friday August 4, 2023, at 12:30 PM with graveside services following at Forest Park Westheimer at 2:00 PM. In honor of Bobbye's life, and the facility that took care of her so wonderfully in her last few years, please consider donating, as we are raising money to gift a backup generator for Home Sweet Home.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

AUG 4. 12:30 PM (CT)

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

## Graveside Following Chapel Service

AUG 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery  
12800 Westheimer Road  
Houston, TX 77077

# Tribute Wall



“ *She was my kindergarten teacher 37yrs ago and I can't believe she is gone! She was the most amazing lady I've ever met. ❤️ She instilled some great things into us kids!* ”

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maria cavignac - March 24, 2024 at 06:43 AM



“ *Bobbye Ruth Burke* ”

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October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Bobbye Ruth Burke* ”

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October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Bobbye Ruth Burke* ”

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October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Bobbye Ruth Burke* ”

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October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM

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“ *Cheatham Family -Nancy, Rick and Richard purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Bobbye Ruth Burke.*



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**Cheatham Family -Nancy, Rick and Richard** - August 04, 2023 at 10:34 AM

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“ *Cheatham Family -Nancy, Rick and Richard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bobbye Ruth Burke.*

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**Cheatham Family -Nancy, Rick and Richard** - August 04, 2023 at 10:34 AM

SC

“ *Very sorry to hear the news of Bobbye Ruth's passing. Sending our deepest sympathies to Tommy and family. She was a treasure to all who knew her. Bobbye Ruth was classy, confident, kind, caring, glamorous, yet gracious and a lovely soul. Her light has left the world a better place.*

*We will miss her beautiful spirit,  
-- Pat and Sandra Cook*

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**Sandra Cook** - August 03, 2023 at 05:12 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Bobbye Ruth Burke.*



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August 03, 2023 at 04:08 PM

PT

“ Mrs. Burke was the most memorable woman that I have every known. She had such an impact on my life and my family's lives. She was mine, my sister's, my son's and my daughter's kindergarten teacher. We all were blessed by having this woman be the person who touched our lives at a very young age to teach us about reading and life in general. I cannot say enough about how this woman taught me how to be a woman, friend and mother. I will miss seeing her and hearing her say to me "I love you too". She loved her family so much and was proud of each an everyone of them. I know her family is mourning the loss of this inspirational and just classy lady. I pray for you all. We will all miss her so much.  
Patricia "Patsy" Thomas

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**Patricia Thomas** - August 03, 2023 at 10:28 AM

MC

She was my kinder teacher too! 😞

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**maria cavnac** - March 24, 2024 at 06:46 AM

PN

“ Bobbye was a volunteer at ABC West when I was the Principal. She made such an impact on so many students and on all of our staff members. Her smile made everyone feel good no matter how difficult their day had been. Bobbye had the ability to help the most difficult student feel they had worth and value. Everyone's life she touched was better because she left such an impression on them. Her greatest gift was sharing her positive attitude and her belief in the positive attributes of everyone. We were all better people from knowing Bobbye.

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**Pam Newman** - August 02, 2023 at 11:39 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bobby Ruth Burke.*



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August 02, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bobbye Ruth Burke.*



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August 01, 2023 at 08:32 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Bobby Ruth Burke.*



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August 01, 2023 at 08:31 PM



“ *Tommy -- Lela and I are very sorry to receive the news of your mom's passing. She was a great lady and a good friend for so many years--what memories we share! Lela is having surgery on Thursday so we will not be able to attend the services, but our thoughts and prayers are with you. Best wishes.*

*Jim and Lela Windham*

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**Jim Windham** - August 01, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ 2 files added to the album QR Codes for Donation



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**Detting Funeral Home - August 01, 2023 at 12:38 PM**