



Betty Sue Willingham

April 1, 1938 - September 24, 2016

Born on April 1, 1938 in Tulare, California, Betty Sue Willingham passed away at home on Saturday, September 24, 2016 in Fremont, CA.

Preceded in death by her husband, John Thomas Willingham in 2013 and her son Mark Allan Willingham in 2014. She is survived by her children, John Willingham (Phyllis) of Modesto, CA, Beverly Esteban of Oakland, CA, and Caren Alcantar (Richard) of Fremont, CA. Also survived by 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She was the oldest of 4 children and leaves behind her youngest sister, Peggy Knox of Waterford, CA.

Betty was a 1956 graduate of Washington High School in Fremont, CA. After raising her family, she went to work for the Fremont Unified School District and was there for many years, retiring from her position of Cafeteria Manager at Thornton Jr. High in 2003. After her retirement, she and her husband moved lock stock and barrel to Sun City, AZ to travel and live out their golden years. After her husband passed away, she moved back to Fremont to be closer to her family.

Over the years, Betty loved to crochet, read, play games on the computer, and listen to gospel music. She and her husband traveled the country in their motorhome which was her most favorite thing to do. Betty was beloved by all who knew her. She was strong and gentle at the same time. And her laugh

came from deep inside and lit up her whole face. The most important thing about her was her unwavering faith in God. Her love for God was the core of who she was and she knew that when she closed her eyes here, she would open them in Heaven and see her Savior and all her loved ones who had gone before. She would be home.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 30th, from 9:30-11:30am and a Chapel Service will begin at 11:30am at Fremont Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536. Burial will follow at Irvington Memorial Cemetery in Fremont, CA.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **30**. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

Fremont Chapel of the Roses
1940 Peralta Boulevard
Fremont, CA 94536
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Chapel Service

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Tribute Wall

KB

“ I remember Betty so well from high school. Rest in peace, Betty, Katie Brake-Janssen, WUHS, class of 1956.

Katie Brake-Janssen - October 15, 2016 at 11:20 AM

BE

“ Mommy this is just so hard to believe that you are gone, it has been an unreal the past few days! I am so glad that we had all those great memories in Az. When we spent so much time together great memories with you and Dad. I know you are in Heaven with Dad and Mark which is where you wanted to be since Dad left us almost 4 years ago. You were a great Mom and a good friend been so lucky to have had you all these years so happy to of had you for so long, but will miss you everyday for the rest of my life. RIP Mommy until we meet again one day love you forever.

Beverly

Beverly - September 29, 2016 at 04:30 PM



KH

“ Kim (McAllister) and John Hannon purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Betty Sue Willingham.



Kim (McAllister) and John Hannon - September 29, 2016 at 04:24 AM

VM

“Beverly and family, I'm blessed that I got to know and love Sis Betty and Bro John Willingham! We first became acquainted in Arizona where my husband pastored the church. Bro John was very found of my children and that was the beginning of a wonderful friendship! Unfortunately they both begin to get sick a lot, but we always made sure to visit them every chance we got. It's very difficult to see someone you love suffer or go on to there reward. They hold a special place in my heart and I will never forget them!!! My heart is sad cause I know she wanted to see me again. I will have to wait for heaven! Love you guys very much!!! Love the Munoz family 🥹❤️❤️

Virginia Munoz - September 29, 2016 at 12:41 AM

BE

Ty Virginia, Mom and Dad loved you and your family very much you and Jim were great friends to them in Az and for that I am truly grateful love you too!

Beverly - September 29, 2016 at 04:20 PM



“Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Willingham.



September 28, 2016 at 10:30 PM



“Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Willingham.



September 28, 2016 at 03:12 PM



“ *Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Willingham.*



September 28, 2016 at 02:59 PM



“ *Mom I LOVE YOU... THANK YOU For EVERYTHING... We've Talked Much tTrough The Years.. You Knew My Heart... I Knew Yours... I Will MISS YOU... EVERY MOMENT... Till I See You Again...*

Johnny...

John Willingham - September 27, 2016 at 11:38 PM



Through the Years.. Won't Let Me Correct It..

John Willingham - September 28, 2016 at 11:36 AM

PK

So sorry Johnny! Beautiful tribute so, don't worry about it. Praying for you. Love you, aunt Peg

Peggy Knox - September 28, 2016 at 07:53 PM

JN

“ *Julie Newray lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Willingham*



Julie Newray - September 27, 2016 at 05:28 PM

PK

“ *Peggy Solley Knox lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Willingham*



Peggy Solley Knox - September 27, 2016 at 03:00 PM

PK

My sister Betty will never leave my heart or memory. Though she has now left us all to go to a much better place, her heavenly home, I for one know I will meet her there and our family will once again be united. We will see our Lord and Saviour and God will wipe all of our tears away. She will never have to suffer anymore!!! Love and miss you sis. Love, Peg 💕

Peggy Solley Knox - September 27, 2016 at 03:11 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Willingham.*



September 27, 2016 at 02:46 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Fremont Chapel of the Roses - September 27, 2016 at 10:58 AM

SA

“ Remembering a lovely woman and a precious aunt. I'm thankful for the love Aunt Betty showed me and the blessing she was and is to our family. Many fun and wonderful memories at Aunt Betty's house! She took me to Missionettes club meetings, drove us around Christmas caroling, helped coordinate my wedding, came to every baby shower and party, had us over for big family meals and holidays. I love you, Aunt Betty and thank God for your life.



sandi - September 27, 2016 at 04:24 AM

PK

Beautiful Sandi! love you, mom

Peggy Solley Knox - September 27, 2016 at 03:13 PM

SA

I love the beautiful obituary the family posted. It was written so lovingly and so beautifully. That's what I remember about Aunt Betty, too, her wonderful laugh! Also her strength, kindness, hard work, and love for Jesus.

sandi - September 28, 2016 at 02:27 PM

PK

Yes, I know you loved her Sandi! Love you, momma

Peggy Knox - September 28, 2016 at 02:58 PM