



# Beatrice Oldfield

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Smiling, Jesus reached for her hand, and on Dec. 29, 2016 at the tender age of 97, Bee took it, going ahead to prepare a place for Charlie. A hometown beauty from Paris, Texas, Bee set out for Baylor University where she earned a Home Economics degree. Her knack for a clever turn of phrase led to professional success long before it was common for women, first in advertising at Weingarten's in Houston and later as advertising manager at Tom Thumb in Dallas. Then she met her knight in shining armor, Charlie, whereupon she dedicated her life to family, church and charity. She considered it her God-given duty to feed anything that showed up at her door hungry, stray possum or skunk included, founded The Cover Girls to repurpose old wool skirts into blankets for worldwide disaster relief, Operation Salvage rummage sale, and Ken Lewis Ministries. She taught Sunday School, lead Camp Fire Girls troops, planned the most creative birthday parties ever and kept hands and head ever-busy on untold projects, passions or pastimes. At 93, she penned and published *Brace Yourself: a Letter to Those Approaching 90 with Coping Skills from One Who's Been There*, the book she took pleasure in autographing as "Bee Old, Old, Old Oldfield." When their home of 54 years burned 6 months ago, Bee and Charlie relocated. Making the best of a tough situation, Bee stayed "tarp as a shack" (her intentional variation of "sharp as a tack") making new friends, completing the daily crosswords and Sudoku, reciting poetry and looking for ways to do for others, no matter how small the gesture, until her final breath. Her spirit lives in witty Bee-isms, well-meaning tips and little kindnesses she dispensed so generously to those who knew and loved her – and to more than a few perfect strangers. Bee is survived by Charlie James Oldfield, her precious husband of 68 years; daughter Melinda O'Neal and husband Pat; daughter Holly Hughes and husband Joseph V., Jr. Also, grandchildren Amy Brossette and husband David, Kerri O'Neal, Joseph Hughes III and Kathryn Hughes; great grandchildren Abby & Jackson



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Brossette, and Chris McMurrey & Emily Croley; great great grandchildren Shaidyn & Dresden Benoit; faithful friend Maria Palacios; and Pooh-Kitty. Visitation: 3-4:30 Monday, January 2, 2017, Restland Services: 10:00 Tuesday, January 3, 2017, Central Lutheran Church, 1000 Easton Rd. Dallas, 75218. Wear purple, her favorite color, if you have it. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bee Oldfield Memorial at White Rock Center of Hope (10021A Garland Rd., Dallas, 75218) or Central Lutheran Church (1000 Easton Rd., Dallas, 75218). Funeral arrangements have been entrusted into Restland Funeral Home and Memorial Park, 13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75243.



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SK

**Sheryl Knight** posted:

We will miss you so much, Bee. We have wonderful memories from recent visits over the last ten or so years with you and Charlie and your daughters. I also have fun memories of you all coming to California to visit us when we were young, and then our visits to Texas at Christmas time. I know my dear Mom will love getting to be reunited with you in heaven. We look forward to seeing you again some day. Until then we will picture you with Jesus, smiling, and maybe even sharing some of your poems. We love you and your family. Mike and Sheryl Knight

January 2 at 3:07 PM

LS

**Lous Smitherman** posted:

You will be deeply missed by your other "kids"....all our love, The Smithermans Lois, John, Eben and Marylynn

January 2 at 8:03 AM

RD

**Restland Of Dallas** posted:

Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Beatrice Oldfield.

January 2 at 4:40 AM

BG

**Billy & Vicki Hamilton (Brooke W.'S Grandparents)** posted:

Billy & Vicki Hamilton (Brooke W.'s grandparents) purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Beatrice Oldfield.

December 30 at 1:31 PM

JL

**Joyce Lewis** posted:

Over the fifty years I have known Bee she has given me so much advice on how to live and one year dumped "Operation Salvage" on me while she and Charlie went to Japan. I have never forgiven her for that. What a great sharing person who always thought of others. Joyce Lewis

December 30 at 12:19 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Beatrice by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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