



# Mary Josephine Bentley

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**M**ary Josephine Ellis Bentley went home to be with her Lord and Savior on June 8, 2020. Mary Jo was born in Dallas, Texas on January 15, 1923 to Robert Alvin Ellis and Myrtle Colbert Ellis. Raised in Dallas, Mary Jo moved with her family to Waco, Texas in 1939, where she and her beloved brother Robert “Bob” Ellis both attended Waco High School. Mary Jo was also the Centennial Queen Melody at the Texas Centennial. At Baylor University, Mary Jo was president of her sorority, Alpha Omega, and later secretary to Baylor President Governor Pat Neff. On November 10, 1951, Mary Jo married Clarence Bentley. They journeyed happily together for over 60 years. Active members of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Mary Jo and Clarence taught Sunday School, participated in mission trips and building projects, and were sponsors of the Clarion Choir.

Mary Jo was charm itself. Her wonderful sense of humor and welcoming personality meant that everyone who knew her was immediately a friend. She was a beloved mother and a treasured grandmother, able to laugh, comfort, and celebrate life with family and friends. Her deep love of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ made her a strong example of a true woman of faith.

Mary Jo was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Clarence, whose quiet, peaceful life in Heaven just got a bit noisier; also her parents, her brother Robert, and son-in-law, Greg DeBoard. She is survived by a daughter Sally DeBoard, and grandchildren, Robert and Emily, and a son Ellis Bentley, his wife Cathy, and grandchildren Hunter and Brayden, each of whom brought special joy to her life, as did many dear relatives and cherished friends. A celebration of her life will be held on June 13, 2020 at 11am in the historic sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Dallas. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Samaritan’s Purse.



## Events


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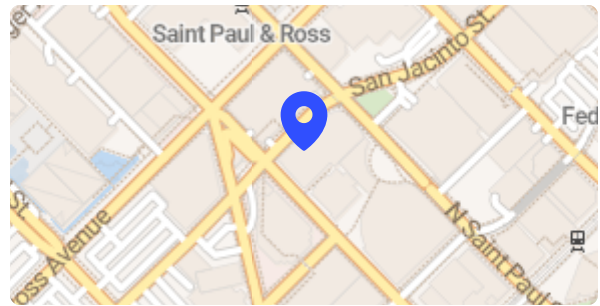
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### Memorial Service


 **Saturday**, June 13, 2020

 11:00 AM CT

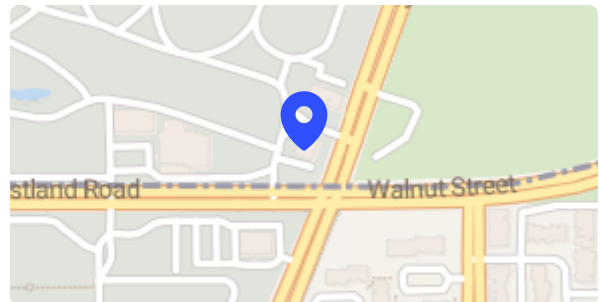
 **First Baptist Church Dallas**  
1707 San Jacinto, Dallas TX 75201



### Cemetery Details

 **Restland Cemetery**  
13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas TX 75243

 **(469) 925-1436**





# Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Bentley family.



June 12 at 4:38 PM



**Nancy Hood** posted:

She definitely was "Charm personified." Growing up she was like a second mother to me. She always made me laugh too. She loved her family and life itself, and she was a blessing, many times, to many of us. I know she is having a great reunion in Heaven with so many who loved her and called her their friend. Nancy Hecht Hood

June 10 at 4:20 PM



**Sally Bentley Deboard** June 24 at 10:01 AM

Thank you so much for your kind words! Love to you, Nancy!



**Willis Musonda** posted:

Your heart was as beautiful as you looked Mary Jo. Forever in our hearts. Go well Friend. Rest in peace Mary Jo.

June 10 at 3:26 PM



**Sally Bentley Deboard** June 24 at 10:02 AM

Beautiful words, Willis. We are forever grateful for you!



**Jodi** posted:

Ellis and Catherine - I am so so sorry to hear about the loss of your wonderful mom. I know she meant the world to you. And you meant the world to her. She will be waiting for you to join her again one day. Keep those memories alive.

June 10 at 12:54 PM



**Catherine Bentley** June 15 at 8:23 AM

Dearest Jodi, Thank you so much for remembering our precious mother. She shared a special bond with her beloved son, Ellis. As her friends always said, "She loved him fiercely!"



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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