



Beverly Jean Gipson Rigsby

April 7, 1934 - January 20, 2021

Beverly Rigsby, aged 86, of Richardson, TX passed away on January 20, 2021 due to complications while recuperating from COVID-19. Her daughter is grateful to the kind and caring nurses and doctors in the ICU at Baylor Centennial in Frisco who diligently fought to bring her back to her family and lovingly helped with the transition when it was time for Beverly to join God and the loved ones who had gone before her.

Beverly was born in Tyler, Texas on April 7, 1934, the only child of Merrill and Mozelle Shaw Gipson. She is predeceased by her parents, a dear step-father, John B. Carlisle, her beloved son Tony Rigsby, and her best friend and beloved husband Bill Rigsby. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Rick White, Rick's daughters and grandsons Michelle Ashley, Lyndsey White, Stephen Ingram and Patrick Ybarra, step-sister and step-brother Marsha Twiss and Charles Carlisle, as well as many cherished nieces and nephews from the Rigsby family.

Beverly graduated from Tyler High School and Tyler Junior College where she was a cheerleader and member of the drill team at both schools with many fun and happy memories of her school days. She graduated from North Texas State (now UNT) with a Bachelor of Business Education in 1955. A few years later, she got her Elementary Certification from SMU and later earned a Masters of Education from East Texas State (now Texas A&M Commerce).

Beverly's life changed forever during the first week of school in her senior year at North Texas when she reluctantly agreed to a blind date and met Bill Rigsby. They knew by Christmas that they would be together forever and they were married the following summer on August 20, 1955. They were together for 49 happy years until Bill passed away from cancer in 2004.

Beverly retired from Richardson ISD in 1995 where she taught first grade at Greenwood Hills Elementary and Spring Valley Elementary. She loved teaching first graders and always referred to them as "My Kids," even after they were grown with children of their

own. One of her greatest delights in her later years was her Facebook friendships with several of her former students and parents and she loved reading about their lives. And it was through teaching that she formed a years-long lasting friendship with a group of fellow teachers who are fun-loving and caring and always supportive of each other.

Two years ago, Beverly moved to Twin Rivers Assisted Living in Richardson, TX and became friends with several residents and staff. It was through the kindness of the staff and the enjoyable friendships she made that helped Beverly settle in to her new living arrangements and look upon it as her home.

Always generous of heart, especially to the underdog, Beverly gave to causes that benefited children, animals, disabled veterans and women. Beverly was an optimistic person who found humor in everyday life and loved to laugh. She was blessed with a happy childhood with parents and grandparents who cherished her, a long and happy marriage with two children, and friends and extended family that she loved. She once said, "The biggest joys of my life have been my family. As Bill and I grew older, the love just seemed to grow stronger and he was the center of my life. And we were so lucky that both of our children, parents and extended family lived nearby. It meant we could see each other often and have so much fun together with many cherished memories."

There will be a private, graveside service for Beverly's interment. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on February 13 at 2:30 in the Memorial Chapel at Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery. Because of limited seating capacity due to COVID-19 restrictions, the seating is reserved by pre-arrangement with the family. However, the service will be live streamed for all who wish to join in the remembrance and celebration of Beverly.

To view the live streaming of the service, please click the link below.

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/47851>

Events

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	The Memorial Chapel at Restland Funeral Home	
	13005 Greenville Avenue at Restland Road, Dallas, TX, US, 75243	

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“Bev... Aunt Bev to us, was cherished by our family for many reasons! As the last remaining member of our parent's generation, she was the connection with all those in our family that went before. She was cherished because she helped fill-in the memories, the names, the places and the events that connected us to that generation.

Aunt Bev was cherished for her wit, her wisdom and her involvement in causes important to her. How many can claim, well into their eighties, that they regularly had their Letter to the Editor published in Dallas' largest newspaper. She never failed to vote or express her opinions on those she supported, or opposed for office. She would have been excited to hear that Beto was considering a run for Governor!

Aunt Bev was cherished for her love of education, especially reading, and especially if the book was a period romance novel! She introduced many of us to her favorite books and authors and sometimes she passed along a book she thought we might enjoy. She continually encouraged those in our family who became teachers.

She was cherished the last few years for her unbridled enthusiasm for the latest Netflix, HBO or Starz mini- series, especially if it was a period romance series. She and my wife Robyn compared notes after every episode of "Outlander"! A couple of years ago, she said her greatest desire was to live long enough to finally see the last season of "Game of Thrones" She never missed a chance to express her displeasure at all things Circe Lanisster, or her love of all things Jon Snow.

Lastly, she was cherished for her love of family. The last time we saw Aunt Bev was at a family event in July. She came with Julie and Rick on a Saturday morning to an outdoor, drive-by baby shower honoring the newest member of our family, our grandson Finn. Of course, Julie had decorated their car and Aunt Bev proudly rode shotgun in the front seat. We had a chance to visit awhile, them in the car, us on the sidewalk. As they were about to leave, we asked Aunt Bev how she was spending the rest of her day, thinking she would be heading back to the assisted living facility she called home. Oh, she said, "we're going back to Julie and Rick's house to eat pizza, drink martinis, and binge watch "The Mandelorian". Of course she did!!

Robyn and Gary Garrett and Family

Gary Garrett - February 13 at 04:48 PM



“ Your SVE Dinner Gang aka the Valley Girls purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Beverly Jean Gipson Rigsby.



Your SVE Dinner Gang aka the Valley Girls - February 11 at 12:41 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Beverly Jean Gipson Rigsby.



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“ Beverly was my cousin. Her grandmother, my Aunt Jessie, was my dad, Barney Ellis', beloved eldest sister. Although the youngest sibling, he died young. I remember stories that were told in the family about how he ran away from home when he was only 13 and went to Aunt Jessie's and Uncle Rushing's home in Tyler rather than incur punishment from his father for some misbehavior....We kept in touch for a long time, seeing each other at Ellis family reunions at the Rose Garden in Tyler. I always looked forward to seeing Beverly and her mom, Mozelle, both such beautiful ladies with such sunny dispositions. I was younger and don't know if they ever knew how much I admired them and how much it meant to me to have them as family. Later I would visit with Bill at those reunions. Such a friendly, nice person - the perfect match for Beverly.

I am glad to read Beverly's obituary and to know that she had such a happy life and, at the end, such a devoted daughter to take care of her.

Grace and Love to you,
Linda Ellis Tucker

Linda Tucker - February 04 at 03:14 PM



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Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery - January 31 at 01:23 PM



“ Macey Morrison and Amanda Kerr were students who greatly enjoyed and benefited from their beloved “best teacher” at Spring Valley Elementary School. We corresponded through annual Christmas cards. She was a most kind, warm and generous lady! She will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to know her. Condolences from Dan & Melody Morrison

Melody - January 31 at 01:01 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Beverly Jean Rigsby.



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