



Elizabeth McLean

July 2, 1935 - March 24, 2021

Elizabeth “Beth” Campbell (Matson) McLean, age 85, passed away March 24, 2021, at Iris Memory Care in Rowlett, Texas, after fighting a long battle with Alzheimer’s. She was born on July 2, 1935, in Atlanta, Georgia to Ray and Elizabeth Matson. She graduated from Highland Park High School and then attended Austin College in Sherman, Texas, where she met the love of her life, Jim McLean. After graduating from college, she married her prince-charming on June 14, 1957. Their family grew to 4 with the birth of their daughters, Phyllis and Ginna. She was an avid seamstress and even made her own wedding gown. Her sewing talent continued as she made most of the clothes for her girls and for herself. She eventually learned to crochet and made an afgan for everyone she knew and donated over a hundred of them to various hospitals and nursing centers. She and Jim were charter members of St. Barnabas United Presbyterian Church in Richardson, Texas, where she was a faithful member of the choir and served as an elder for several terms. She and

Jim became world travelers and took trips every summer, exploring new countries, filling albums full of pictures, and creating cherished memories. Beth’s love of children was evident in the hundreds of children she taught in Dallas ISD, Preston Hollow Day School, and University Park Elementary, where she was Teacher of The Year in 1991. She tied thousands of shoes and pulled hundreds of teeth as she set a positive foundational beginning of education in the lives of all those kindergarten children. We know she is in heaven telling everyone to sit down and stop talking, arranging them in a “boy - girl - boy - girl” seating arrangement!! Her claim to fame was teaching Matthew Stafford (the quarterback of the L.A. Rams). She made sure to always weave that fact into as many conversations as she could! Beth certainly had a servant’s heart as she loved volunteering at the Eisemann Performing Arts Center, the Richardson Fire and Police Academies, Network Ministries, and chairing the Angel Tree Ministry at Christmas. She is survived by her daughters Phyllis Robertson and husband Ken of Granbury, Texas, Ginna Dowell and husband Barry of Farmersville, Texas; grandchildren Sarah Tucker and husband Tony of Maypearl, Texas, Kerrick Robertson and wife Alyssa of Dallas, Texas, Keanan

Dowell and wife Kate of Longview, Texas, and Danielle Waters and husband Doug of

Jersey City, New Jersey; great grand-children Camille, Eli, Jack, Avery, and Olivia. She is preceded in death by her husband Jim McLean, sister Florence Matson Knight, and parents

Ray Matson and Elizabeth Strouss Matson. A celebration of Beth's life will take place at a visitation at Restland Funeral Home, Dallas, Texas, on Sunday, March 28 from 2:00-4:00. A graveside service is planned for Monday, March 29, at Restland Memorial Cemetery, Dallas, Texas at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made in Beth's memory to Iris Memory Care, 4906 Miller Road, Rowlett, Texas, 75088

Cemetery

Events

Restland Cemetery

Dallas, TX, 75243

MAR 28 Visitation 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Restland Memorial Park

13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX, US, 75243

MAR 29 Graveside 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Restland Cemetery

Dallas, TX, US, 75243

Comments



“ Teaching with Beth was a joy! As a first grade teacher, I appreciated getting students who were well-prepared for first grade. I sent more than one student to Beth for teeth pulling! Beth was committed to serving others in all areas of her life. Elenora Asbury

Elenora Asbury - March 28 at 03:37 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Elizabeth McLean.



March 28 at 11:55 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elizabeth McLean.



March 27 at 05:14 PM



“ Beth was so dear to all of us at University Park Elementary! She was always positive and loving. She was a mentor to me and a friend. All of "our kids" and staff were so blessed by her! Love and peace to you all.

Jeane Elliott Clayton - March 27 at 02:53 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Elizabeth McLean.



March 27 at 10:12 AM