



Betty Jo Williamson

October 1, 1931 - September 25, 2020

Betty “Jo” Doyel Williamson was born on October 1, 1931, in Hollis, Oklahoma, to Luther Cleatus Doyel and Elsie Irene (Luttrell) Doyel and passed from her earthly life on Friday, September 25, 2020, at the age of 88 years.

Betty “Jo” grew up and graduated from high school in Rush Springs, Oklahoma. She married Carlos “Corky” Williamson on March 31, 1950, in her grandparents’ home in Rush Springs. They were proud parents of three children: Carla, Cheryl, and Joel. Betty Jo and Corky celebrated 65 years of marriage before his passing in 2016.

Betty Jo and Corky lived in five different cities in Oklahoma throughout Corky’s career at Sun Oil Company, but Lindsay was “home.” They moved permanently back to Lindsay in 1988 and lived there until June 2015 when they moved to Rivermont Retirement Community in Norman, Oklahoma. Betty Jo worked as a bookkeeper for Freeman Chevrolet and then for Miller Motors Ford Company both in Lindsay.

Betty Jo was an active member in her community: in the kids’ many school and sports activities (quintessential band parent), in the First Baptist Church of Lindsay, in the Beta Sigma Phi sorority, Gamma Omicron Chapter where she held several officer positions as well as Valentine Queen and Girl of the Year and the Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority in Hominy, Oklahoma. In Betty Jo’s spare time, she enjoyed travelling the U.S., Ireland, England, and Scotland with Corky, her children, and grandchildren. She enjoyed researching the

family's genealogy, and she maintained a "library" of ancestral notebooks. She enjoyed flower gardening. She loved the holidays and cooking for all of the family. She was great at organizing family reunions, oil company dinners, and socials. One of her most favorite pastimes was country dancing with Corky and their friends.

Betty Jo was best known to her grandchildren and great grandchildren as "Nanny Jo and Granny Jo." She was always there for her children and grandchildren at any time to celebrate alongside them or to help during the difficult times of life. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her children: Carla Henson and Danny of Norman, Oklahoma, Cheryl Eaton and Lane of Kilgore, Texas, and Joel Williamson and fiancé Suzan Johnson of Purcell, Oklahoma; one brother: Cleatus "Wayne" Doyel and Harriet of Columbus, Mississippi; grandchildren: Tara Sanders and Wade, Wes Ferguson and Laura, Dan Ferguson and Coty, Joe Ferguson and Lucy, and Tyler Williamson; great grandchildren: Kristian, Jonathan, Kate, Emmalee, Andrew, Julie and numerous step grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Betty Jo is preceded in death by her parents Cleatus and Elsie Doyel; her husband Corky, her grandson Derek Long, and her sisters: Cleo Crabb and one infant sister.

Visitation for Betty Jo will be held Thursday, October 1, 2020 from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. and Friday, October 2, 2020 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at Boydston-Wilbourn Funeral Home.

A graveside service to honor the life of Betty Jo is set for Friday, October 2, 2020, at 2:00 P.M. at the Rush Springs Cemetery in Rush Springs, Oklahoma. Services are under the direction of Scott and Angel Wilbourn of Boydston-Wilbourn Funeral Home in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com

To send a flower arrangement to the family of Betty Jo Williamson, please click here to visit our Sympathy Store.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ All of our love and prayers to the Williamson family for their loss of their love one. \r\n\r\n\r\nSincerely, Drew and Linda Spears

Drew and Linda Spears - October 01, 2020 at 10:28 AM

BB

“ To the family: Jo and I graduated from high school together in 1949 at Rush Springs, Oklahoma. We have seen each other many time since then at high school reunions. We were with a class of 27 students so we basically were all friends with each other. I always enjoyed talking to her and Corky at the reunions. Jo and I were friends in high school and remained so through the years. She was a unique individual and I always enjoyed her presence. She was one of nine classmates still alive and now we are down to eight, with myself being the youngest member of the class. Love to her family. Bob Bond, 132 Creekside Drive, Boerne, Tx 78006.

BOB BOND - September 30, 2020 at 08:08 PM

KF

“ I always enjoyed talking to Jo when I visited my mother (Mary Nell Knapp) at Rivermont. Jo was unfailingly welcoming and gracious each time I greeted her. I was impressed by the number and complexity of the puzzles she was usually piecing together. She was a lovely woman.

Karen Knapp Fisher - September 30, 2020 at 04:24 PM

LJ

“ Joel - I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. Lord knows, I understand how hard it is to lose a parent. Prayers for you, yours sisters, and the whole family.

Laurie Gale Jaster - September 29, 2020 at 08:34 PM

WD

“ *Our hearts are breaking for all of you. Your mom and dad always accepted my sweet daddy with open arms every time he came to visit. He loves to tell stories about visiting them. We are praying for you and sending big hugs! Love you!*

West Texas - Doyles - September 28, 2020 at 09:02 PM