



Betty Sue Elkins

November 17, 1930 - December 10, 2017

Betty Sue Elkins, 87, of Anna, passed away Sunday, December 10, 2017 at River to River in Anna.

She was born November 17, 1930 in Marion, Indiana, the daughter of Fred and Phyllis

(Lytton) Manus. She married Billy Donn Elkins on December 15, 1946. He preceded her in death on June 5, 1998.

Betty Sue was a devoted homemaker while her children were young and then later worked at Choate State Hospital in the library for patients. She also helped organize and manage Pastor Chris's office at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church. Betty Sue was passionate about poetry and reading, and was an avid bridge player, playing in bridge clubs locally and online with partners all over the world. She cared for many pets over the years, most recently her beloved rescue dog, Sugar. She also collected invalid feeders and acquired over 80. She and Bill loved the Mills Brothers and could dance a lively jitterbug.

Betty Sue's family are eternally grateful to River to River of Anna, and all the competent, caring staff there. Celtic Hospice was also a professional and compassionate support. For several months she had around the clock care from amazingly creative, loving, and caring women: Jamie Kelly, who tirelessly led the team, Virginia Belle, who added strength, and Michelle Fry, a welcome

addition in the last several days.

Betty Sue is survived by her children, Christy (Ellis) Tuttle of Columbia, MO., Claudia Lipusch of Milwaukee, WI., David Elkins of Berryville, AR., and Danny Elkins of Cape Girardeau, MO.; 4 grandchildren, Michelle (Rick) Petermeyer, Melanie (John) Derry, Christy (Greg) Griffith and Mary (Jason) Essary; 5 great-grandchildren; 1 niece, Jayn Bigler of Anna.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister, Pam Bigler and an infant brother.

A memorial gathering will be held from 2pm to 4pm on Friday, December 15, 2017 at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

Private inurnment will take place at a later date.

Memorials may be made to PAWS, Stinson Library and St. Judes. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home or can be mailed to Crain Funeral Home, 135 West Vienna St. in Anna, IL 62906

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Anna
135 W. Vienna St.
Anna, IL 62906
(618) 833-2176
crain@crainsonline.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Sue Elkins*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Condolences and prayers to your families. Fond memories of Sue and you all. Don Boswell and Donna, Debbie and Beth.*

Deborah Thomas - December 17, 2017 at 03:50 PM



“ *Strong, passionate and straightforward. Just three of the character traits she possessed. She was honest and she influenced so many parts of my life. She was my Granny and I will miss her so very much but will carry her memory with me in my heart especially when I dive into a new book, or watch an old Musical, or find a new poem that inspires me. All my love...Greg, Christy and Nevaeh Griffith*



Christy Griffith - December 14, 2017 at 11:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Elkins.*



December 14, 2017 at 06:36 PM

RM

“ To all the Elkins family,
I send my love and prayers to you all. I will always have wonderful memories of being around your family. From the sweet basset hound that would follow Danny and I or epic ping pong matches I had in the basement. Danny and I made a great game of throwing frisbees at max speed close up to make the other miss handle and score a point. I always had fun at the Elkins house and I always loved coming to your home. Bill and Betty Sue were like family to me, always loving and generous. I wish I could put my arms around you all and bless each of you but know I will miss her sweet smile and welcoming heart.

Rob McCarty

Rob McCarty - December 14, 2017 at 05:10 PM

FG

“ Claudia and Christy,
I am sorry to read of your loss. I will always appreciate how my friends' parents were so supportive as we developed. Yours were special.

You are in my prayers.

Fred Garrott

Fred Garrott - December 14, 2017 at 01:06 PM

GT

“ Greg, Dora & Kristen Thackery purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Betty Sue Elkins.



Greg, Dora & Kristen Thackery - December 14, 2017 at 11:14 AM

HN

“ Harlan and Nancy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Betty Sue Elkins.



Harlan and Nancy - December 14, 2017 at 10:20 AM

MS

“ Dear Christy and family I got to know and love your mother many years ago and she could make fun out of any situation. I have many treasured memories of her as did my husband Donovan Smith. Prayers, Maribeth Inman Smith.

Maribeth Smith - December 14, 2017 at 09:23 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Elkins.



December 13, 2017 at 08:18 PM

GJ

“ Christy and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love,
The Johnson's
Gayle and Don

Gayle & Don Johnson - December 13, 2017 at 06:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Elkins.*



December 13, 2017 at 03:23 PM



“ *There is no doubt in my mind that Betty Sue is already at that great bridge table in heaven with a smile on her face surrounded by friends.*

Harlan and Nancy - December 13, 2017 at 08:33 AM



“ *Dear Elkins family,
We just wanted to send our thoughts and prayers your way. Mark, Jackson and I cannot say enough good about your mother. I loved her for her opinions, honesty and character. She was one of a kind. We are thankful to have known and loved her. May her passing give you memories and peace.
Love Mark, Andi and Jackson Laster*

Andi Laster - December 11, 2017 at 05:36 PM



CHRISTY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS AND HUGS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. YOUR MOM WAS SUCH A CARRYING PERSON AND I NEVER SEEN HER WITHOUT A SMILE.

JACK DAVIS - December 15, 2017 at 12:56 PM