



Betty Lou McNeely

February 15, 1928 - December 10, 2018

McNeely, Betty Lou Yates

Betty Lou McNeely, 90, of Anna, passed away at 6:20 am, Monday, December 10, 2018 at Union County Hospital in Anna.

She was born February 15, 1928 in Herrin, the daughter of Omer “Duck” and Velma Audrey (Willis) Yates. She married Earl Chester McNeely on September 26, 1947. He preceded her in death on February 27, 2008.

Betty was a member of the First Baptist Church in Anna, IL. She loved working with Vacation Bible School each summer until Earl’s retirement. Arts and Crafts for levels kindergarten thru first grade were her favorites since she was an avid artist and quite the painter. She loved children. Her smile and pleasant personality were just her nature. After Earl retired, they ventured out in the RV traveling the western US. This is where she started her Indian doll collection. They traveled all over the US, always with her dogs, all called Dede.

All that knew Betty knew she loved her dogs and horses. Raised on a farm, she had a love of animals and could (and often would) tell many stories of her life on a farm. Alzheimer’s took her memories of family and friends, but never her memories of the farm.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Martha "Marty" (Darrell) Crimmins of Carrollton, TX; and son, Jeffrey (Chong) McNeely of Bossier City, LA. Her five (5) grandchildren include Blaine (Kelley) Crimmins of Frisco, TX; Darren Crimmins of Lewisville, TX; Kelly Swain of Carrollton, TX; Thomas (Judy) McNeely of Sugar Land, TX; and Olivia (Darren) McNeely-Wright at Travis Air Force Base, CA. She also has eight (8) great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, Michael A. McNeely and sister, Mavis Norris.

According to her wishes, Betty has been cremated. Private family graveside inurnment took place in Egyptian Memorial Gardens in Energy, Illinois on Monday, March 11, 2019.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church in Anna, IL.

Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Egyptian Memorial Gardens

3208 S. Park Ave.
Energy, IL 62933
(618) 942-6051
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Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Lou McNeely*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM