



**Young, Betty Jo (Wallace)**

1940-2021

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Betty Jo Young, 81, succumbed to her year-long battle with cancer Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021. She was at home surrounded by her family. Betty retired from Walmart in Decatur Dec. 31, 2020, and became ill in January 2021.

On Sept. 26, 1940, Betty was born in Stringtown, Okla., to parents, John Clarence and Mary Bell (Boswell) Wallace.

She married, had three children, and later this union ended. Betty loved and supported her children and rarely missed anything in which they were involved. She did the same for her grandchildren, who affectionately called her "Nannie." She enjoyed being with her grandchildren and attending their events.

Betty had a servant's heart. She loved people. She loved being around them, loved helping them and loved doing things for them. She also loved to bake cakes. She would bake birthday and holiday cakes and take them to people for their enjoyment.

In addition, Betty was an excellent seamstress. She sewed and did clothing alterations for the public as well as wedding gowns.

In addition to all of these things, Betty had a passion for flower gardening. Her flowerbeds and yard were impeccable, and she grew plants and had flowers inside as well. She hung hummingbird and wild bird feeders and would sit and watch the birds come and play. Betty enjoyed life and made every moment count.

Her life will be remembered and cherished by her children, Debra Kay Smith of Decatur, and Billy J. Young and wife, Carla, of Alvord; one sister, Glennda Eckelbarger, and one brother. She is also survived by three grandchildren, J. T. Smith of Decatur, Jeremy Young and wife, Jennifer, of Abilene, Ben Young and wife, Amanda, of Sevierville, Tenn.; and four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials go in the name of Betty's son, Johnny F. Young Jr., to the American Kidney Foundation/[www.kidneyfund.org](http://www.kidneyfund.org).

Arrangements are with Coker Funeral Home in Sanger.