



Carson, Betty (Burnett)

1932-2022

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Celebration of Life for Betty Burnett Carson is 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, at First United Methodist Church in Decatur. Family received friends Tuesday at the church.

Pallbearers include Jimmy Brummell, Charles Burton, Mark Cocanougher, Roy Eaton, Juan Flores, Dan Hughes, Darrell Ley, Andrew Rottner, Brock Smith and Carey Williams. Honorary Pallbearers include the Decatur Public Library and Wise Area Relief Mission Boards.

Betty was born on March 6, 1932, to Madge Elizabeth and Opal H. Burnett in Decatur. She was united in marriage July 9, 1954, to J.E. Carson in Decatur.

Betty was a retired teacher, having taught a total of 45 years, 43 in Decatur, where she taught home economics, HECE, and homebound students.

Betty was a graduate of Decatur High School and received her B.S. and M.Ed. from the University of North Texas. Upon graduation, she taught home

economics at Era. After Betty and J.E. married, they moved to Kaufman, where she taught home economics at Scurry-Rosser. The following year, the Carsons moved to Decatur, where she taught home economics at Decatur High School. Betty spent a total of 55 years in DISD, 12 as a student and 43 as a teacher, setting a record by doing so.

Betty was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Decatur (FUMC) and a loyal member of the Character Builder's Class, which she taught for many years and was the class treasurer. She was very active at FUMC, serving as a Lay Leader and on the Board of Trustees, Administrative Board, Endowment Committee, Stained Glass Committee and Care Corp. Many of the worship banners were made by her. Betty was part of the group of women who stitched the kneelers in the sanctuary, which were designed for and given to FUMC in honor of J.E. and Betty by their daughter, Carol Ann.

Betty was very involved in a number of civic activities throughout her life. She was a member of the Decatur Public Library Board for many years, serving as board president at her death. She was also on the board of directors of the Wise Area Relief Mission and the Decatur Main Street Promotions Committee. From 2010-2013, Betty was vice president of the Wise County Retired Teachers.

In 2002, the DISD School Board recognized Betty and J.E. by naming Carson Elementary School in their honor. They were founding donors of the Decatur Education Foundation, and in 2018, the DEF awarded Betty and J.E. the "Friends of the Foundation" award for their contributions. Together, Betty and J.E. had a combined total of 78 years of service at Decatur ISD.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, J.E.; and her brother-in-law, Alton Kite.

She is survived by her daughter, Carol Ann Carson of Decatur; her sister, Wanda Kite of Gainesville; her chosen family, Nancy Brummell Boyd, Derrick Boyd and wife, Cheri, and their children, Emily, Ainsley and Finley, Crystal Boyd Klose and husband, Will, and their children, Kyndal and Trey, Katherine Obregon and husband Alain and their children, Linnea, Margot, Vivienne and Celine, all of Decatur.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Decatur Education Foundation, Decatur Public Library, or WARM.

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