



## Bettye Ladonne Hough

April 10, 1941 - March 1, 2020

Bettye Ladonne Hough passed away peacefully at the age of 78 on Sunday March 1, 2020 in Houston, Texas. Bettye was born on April 10, 1941 in Ropesville, Texas to Claud and Carrie Hough. She was the youngest of six children. Her father, Claud, was the manager of Higginbotham Bartlett Lumber Company in Seagraves, Texas until his death in 1966. Her mother, Carrie, was a devoted wife and mother. Bettye graduated from Seagraves High School and went on to attend Baylor University where she achieved a Bachelor of Education degree, Class of 1963. An educator for over 30 years in Odessa, Texas, Bettye taught special education and junior high school.

Known as the “Special Fun Aunt” to her 15 nieces and nephews, Bettye loved spending time with family. Whether it was going to the mountains in New Mexico to see the leaves change color or just talking on the phone to catch up. In addition to her own family, Bettye was especially close to her friend, Marjy Newman and husband Ronnie and son Sam.

Bettye fought a long and often times difficult battle with Alzheimer’s. despite her diminished memory, she was able to make a lasting impression on the people around her. In the end, Bettye suffered a debilitating stroke which proved too much for her to overcome.

Bettye’s charm, sense of humor, defiant independence and sweet laugh will be missed by family and friends. We are grateful for the excellent care provided by the staff of Southeast Memorial Hermann Hospital and Heart to Heart Hospice. We are also indebted for the wonderful care provided to our sweet Aunt Bettye at Clear Brook Crossing Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

As per Bettye’s wishes, she will be laid to rest next to her parents during a private family graveside service.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Bettye’s honor to the Alzheimer’s Association at <https://www.alz.org/> .

Or Donate to Baylor Alumni.

From ashes to ashes, from dust to dust.  
You'll rise again, in his I'll trust.  
You're in our hearts, 'till the end.  
We will meet again, depart my friend.  
You may be gone, but I know you're near.  
In my heart, I hold you dear.  
My only hope, in peace you'll rest.  
I still miss you, I bet you guessed.  
I'll see you soon, it's a must  
Ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

By Kev Elmer