



Betty Sue Brannon Mild

July 12, 1933 - September 19, 2017

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Our dear Betty was called to the Lord on September 19th, after a brief stay in St. Luke's Hospital. As the sun was setting, with family gathered around the bed in prayer, she opened her eyes one last time and smiled.

She was born in the summer of 1933, in Newport, Arkansas, the only child of Vernon and Susie Brannon. After the three of them packed up and relocated to Missouri, Betty became a St. Louisan for life. A devoted reader as a young girl – as well as a secret poet – Betty had a gift for gathering lifelong friends to her side. She graduated with several boon companions from Cleveland High and headed straight for Washington University, where she'd decided to study English literature. She also became a sorority girl at Pi Beta Phi. Within a few weeks, Betty learned that all the Greek houses at Wash U held obligatory weekend mixers – blind dates with boys from neighboring fraternities. Her first-ever college blind date went so poorly, she later said, she swore up and down never to go on another. Pi Phi had a rule, however, that girls were obliged to go to the mixers or pay a five-dollar fine. At the last minute, Betty couldn't scrounge up the money. So she ended up on the arm of a computer science major (and Sig Ep) who, as it happened, had suffered through his own terrible first date at the same Greek mixers not long before. Erwin Mild was a local boy from Kirkwood, tall and curious, with a soft voice and a

penchant for storytelling. He was also, by his own account, your basic meat-and-potato guy. Lucky for both of them, even at that age Betty could cook circles around other girls. The two were never parted again.

They were married in June of 1955 at Concordia Lutheran Church in Erv's hometown of Kirkwood. For the first year they rented an apartment in the city, in the Central West End (where Betty reported an artsy neighbor played the saxophone a bit too loudly, and too often). In 1963, after a brief stay in Webster Groves, the Milds moved into a newly-built home in Ballwin, Missouri – 420 Claymont Drive – where Betty settled in comfortably and lived as a wife, mother, baker, caterer, church administrator, and Gram to her adoring grandkids for over fifty years. Her marriage to Erv produced four children, Mike, Jeff, Lisa, and Bob, as well as four grandkids, Molly, Rachael, Jacob, and Caleb. She could literally cook anything, as her entire family and most of the neighborhood would readily attest (banana crème pie was her personal favorite). She was a diligent homemaker and homebody who nonetheless delighted in taking trips up to Minnesota, Nebraska, the old Camp Zoe, and – her most exciting trip, the big one – seeing eight different countries in Europe and Scandinavia. For over twenty years she worked as the minister's right hand at Trinity Lutheran in Town & Country, helping in everything from choir to ecclesiastical needlepoint, planning everything from funerals to baptisms and the Sunday bulletin. Her delicate touch, her radiant kindness, and her beaming smile had a way of putting everyone at ease. She continued to meet with her Cleveland High girlfriends every month for lunch, where they planned reunions, told stories, and laughed. She maintained the closest, deepest ties to friends she made growing up, a measure of just how easily Betty would find and celebrate the good in people. She was, according to one friend, just so much fun.

Devoted wife, beloved mother, lifelong friend, and dear Gram. It is no exaggeration to say Betty was loved by everyone, everyone. She will be missed by all of her family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Kirkwood

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Previous Events

Visitation

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Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Sue Brannon Mild*

January 06, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *Of course, I'll always remember Betty for her wonderful cooking, but more than that, I'll remember her for her warmth and welcoming manner. Whether it was stopping by in the middle of the day or eating Thanksgiving dinner, she always made you feel glad you were there.*

*Never one to shy away from speaking her true thoughts, she stated "that bi*ch should burn!", when hearing the verdict in the Susan Smith murder case.*

Godspeed Betty.

Shari - September 25, 2017 at 12:09 PM



“ *Shannon, Brian, AlysRae, Sue, Barb, Tracy, The Beenes purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Betty Sue Brannon Mild.*



Shannon, Brian, AlysRae, Sue, Barb, Tracy, The Beenes -
September 24, 2017 at 06:03 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Brannon Mild.*



September 22, 2017 at 07:42 PM



“ *A beautiful woman inside and out, who beamed with sweetness, kindness, warmth. Lang and I treasure our memories of the family talent shows, the great meals, the great fun. We grieve with you and for you and send our love and prayers to all the Milds.*

Lang & Anne Winner Anderson - September 22, 2017 at 07:35 PM



I'm so sorry to read of your Mom, Mom-in-law and Grandma's passing. My heart is with you.

Laurie McAdams - September 22, 2017 at 11:25 PM