



Betty Will-Bower

August 16, 1930 - December 30, 2017

Will-Bower, Betty E. of St. Louis, Missouri, was born August 16, 1930, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and entered into rest Saturday, December 30, 2017 at the age of 87 years.

She is preceded in death by her parents Melvin and Mary (nee Boss) Nanna and her husband John Vernon Bower, Jr, two (2) sons, Stephen and Robert.

She is survived by,

one (1) daughter in law, Marilyn Will-Collier,

two (2) siblings, Melvin Nanna and Donald Nanna,

dear stepmom of,

seven (7) stepchildren, John III (Kit), Paul (Robin), Lillith, Margaret (Dennis), Michael, Jerome (Lisa), Martha (Mark),

grandchildren and great grandchildren,

many other family members and friends.

She will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Visitation Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier College Catholic Church, 3628 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, Missouri 63108. Interment at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the College Church, Red Cloud Indian School or the D.A.V. Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at www.stlfuneral.com and follow details of this event and others in the community at www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill.

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

2900 Sheridan Road
St. Louis, MO 63125
(314) 845-8320
<https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/jeffersonbarracks.asp>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Francis Xavier College Church
3628 Lindell Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108

Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Will-Bower*

January 06, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *Gram was the strongest person I have ever met. I was extremely close to Gram and spent every moment from childhood into adulthood with her as possible. We had a bond unlike any other due to how much we cared for others and if I'm not mistaken I think I'm the only Grandchild that Gram was a Leo buddy with. August 15 was Gram's birthday and I remember without looking at anything because she used to tell me I was her birthday present. And I don't mean to be disrespectful but I have never once heard Aunt Marilyn use Will in her name. I guess you guys got what you wanted in the end. You put Gram in a home, took over her assests, and completely cut me out of the family. Me and Gram spoke alot and I know that she had something stashed for me but all you selfish people did what you always did, leave Joshua alone on the street to be forgotten. I bet although everyone took until they couldn't take, and I know personally Gram told me she ABSOLUTELY NEVER wanted to go to a home that she always smiled and looked for the best in every situation. Thats what I learned from you Gram tolerance, compassion, and forgiveness. I just ask you Ms.Collier for my photo album. Its all I'm ever gonna have left besides the wisdom and memories that Gram left me. I love you so much Gram I can't wait to see you again. It almost happened on the 1st but nobody checks on me anymore.*

Jay Will - May 09, 2020 at 05:01 PM



16th Sorry Gram Im upset right now. Im also sorry it took me so long to say anything Gram. I could use your comfort now.

Jay Will - May 09, 2020 at 05:05 PM

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“ Years ago, I "adopted" Betty and Jay. My mother had passed, Betty's sons had passed. We needed each other and we leaned on each other. Of course, I think she "adopted" everyone. Betty had the sweetest and most giving heart of anyone I have ever met. I miss the waffle breakfasts Jay would make, the amazing brisket, sharing tea with Betty, having breakfast twice a month for years with our breakfast group. I know you've been ready to be with Jay and I am so glad you finally are! Love you always and see you soon.
Cheryl McClain Shea

Cheryl Shea - January 04, 2018 at 09:09 AM

RM

“ Ours and Betty's family were very close friends living in the same subdivision during my childhood. With earliest memories growing up playing with her sons, Betty consistently impressed me as cheerful and thoughtful without exception; with everything from volunteering at our grade school and church, to getting up the gumption together with my mother to start a Cub Scout den for us neighborhood boys. I am most reminded of her very strong character that still shown optimism and consideration for others even during instances of illness and tragedy affecting her loved ones.

Robert Mabry

Robert Mabry - January 03, 2018 at 10:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Betty Will-Bower.



January 03, 2018 at 11:56 AM

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“ Betty was one of my mom's closest friends. They met when I attended kindergarten the same year as Bob, Betty's son. Over the years since my mom passed away, I've stayed in touch with Betty. She has always been such a joy to visit. She's was always very thoughtful, selfless, and attentive. She had an inner strength and yet was always humble and took more thought of others than of herself. It was a joy to know her and spend time with her. I'll miss her. 2 Timothy 4:7&8 "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Jean Sargent - January 01, 2018 at 05:56 PM