



Betty Lou Whittaker

September 9, 1948 - June 18, 2013

Betty Lou Bowen Whittaker, who proudly served as the Court Clerk for the City of Johnson, Ark. for more than 25 years, transcended from this life on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 in Bentonville, Ark. after a courageous 2½ year battle with pancreatic cancer. She was 64. Betty was born on Sept. 9, 1948 in Kingston, Ark. to Truman & Dorothy Eoff Bowen. Granny "B," as she was affectionately known, attended Springdale High School and lived in the towns of Kingston and Springdale, Ark. and attended the First Assembly of God Church in Kingston. She took great pride in serving the City of Johnson. During her career, Betty served as President of the State, was a member of the 39th District Court Clerk's Association and was named County Court Clerk of the Year in 2000. In a public dedication ceremony this past April, the City of Johnson formally renamed its judicial chamber The Betty Whittaker Court & Meeting Room as a testament to her contributions. Betty's true passion was spending time with family and friends. She found great joy in traveling and the thrill of "junking"-- in search of that hard-to-find antique. She filled her days reading good books, growing flowers at the farmhouse and working the bees with Pa. Our own Queen "B" loved the color purple and if you hadn't heard by now, her Thanksgiving dressing is something of lore. She braved every challenge pancreatic cancer threw at her with grace & determination. She was a superwoman with an undeniable fighter's spirit. Betty joins in grace her mother, father, and sister, Fern Robbins. Betty's memory will be held closest by her loving husband of 41 years, Richard Dale Whittaker; brother Darriel

Bowen and wife, Orpha; sister Chrystene McKenzie and husband, Sonny; brother Jimmy David Bowen and wife, Karla; daughter Kimberly Whittaker and Michelle Kelly; daughter Sonya Worley and husband, Tim; daughter Tonya White and husband, Greg; daughter Jacquetta Rivard and husband, Russ and son Bill Mason and wife, Katherine. Betty touched the lives of nine beautiful and loving grandchildren including Rachel & Rebekah Worley, Jessi & Levi White, Ariel & Sasha Mason and Austin, Madison & Jacie-Rae Rivard as well as six great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Betty received the best possible medical care thanks to the doctors & nurses at Baylor Cancer Center in Dallas, especially Dr. McCollum, Dr. Preskitt and Denise. Immeasurable thanks goes out to all who visited & prayed for Betty. A celebration of Betty's life will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 22, 2013 at First Assembly of God Church, Huntsville, Ark. followed by interment at Liberty Church & Cemetery, Dry Fork, Ark. A visitation will be held from 6-8 pm on Friday, June 21, 2013 at Brashears Funeral Home, Huntsville, Ark. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Pallbearers will be: Phillip Bowen, Buddy Norman, Dean Melton, Doc Dillard, Joe Martin and Austin Rivard. Honorary pallbearers will be: Jim McKenzie and Richard Berry.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Richard, always know that Mike and I love you! Our prayers will continue daily for you and your family!*

To All Who Loved Betty: Betty has been given her "wings"! We all know how awesome she was here with us ... Katy bar the door ... now that she has her wings ... get ready to be amazed!

Mike & Toni Bell - June 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Sorry for your loss. I know she will be deeply missed.*

Mike and Sherry Littrell - June 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *so sorry for your loss,,jacquetta,,bill,,i was married to your dads uncle jerry,,your mom and i were close when you two and my oldest two were young.lost touch with all all of you years ago you will be in my thoughts and prayers*

jane mason - June 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*

Charles and Betty Jo Gurley - June 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *We are so sorry for your loss.*

Randy Roberts and Shaune - June 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM