



Betty Ann Trinka

July 13, 2019

Betty Ann Brown Trinka passed away at home with her family by her side on Saturday, July 13, 2019. She was born in Tulsa, OK in 1937 at St. John's Hospital, daughter of Reu William Thomas and Bessie Virginia (nee Stone) Brown. After losing her father when she was 4 years old, she was raised by her mother, Bessie, brother, Bob and sister, Virginia. She was a student at Sidney Lanier Elementary, Woodrow Wilson Junior High School and a graduate of Will Rogers High School. Betty Ann was an active member of the Will Roger's Class of 1955 and was the driving force in getting Will Rogers High School added to the National Register of Historic Places for its Art Deco design. She was a student at Oklahoma A&M and has been an avid supporter of the Oklahoma State Cowboys.

Betty Ann met her husband Warren Trinka at Oklahoma A&M and they were married at First Presbyterian Church in 1959. She was baptized and a member of First Presbyterian Church in Tulsa. After having a family, she became a member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and was active not only as a Sunday school teacher but also on the church board. Betty Ann was first and foremost a homemaker raising her three boys, Mark, Roger and Derek. She was a Cub Scout leader and Sunday school teacher. When she wasn't taking care of the house, she was taking her boys to Boy Scouts, music lessons, soccer practice, baseball practice and any other activity they tried.

She had always been interested in not only local history but also her family history. She was an avid genealogist. Betty Ann served as Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution as well as a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Many of her family trips involved visits to historical sites, Revolutionary and Civil War battle fields. She spent many years working with the city to get recognition of Gano's Crossing - an important historic Civil War event and site.

Betty Ann enjoyed painting, stained glass work, quilting, square dancing, bowling, music, and traveling to historic sites. She was also very involved in all civic affairs and never afraid to call the mayor, Congressmen, Senators and even took her boys to Tulsa International Airport to shake hands with then President Richard Nixon. She was very proud of her City, her State and her Nation.

Betty Ann was never prouder than to become a grandmother to four wonderful grandchildren, Natalie, Catherine, Braden and Paul.

Betty Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Reu and Bessie Brown; her brother, Bob (Robert) Brown. She is survived by husband of 60 years, Warren Trinkka and sons and their family, Mark and Carolyn Trinkka with Catherine and Paul; Roger and Lisa Trinkka with Natalie and Braden; and Derek and Jill Trinkka; sister, Virginia Rowe and her son and family, Greg and Linda Rowe with Stephanie and Daniel Resendez and daughter, Raylynn; brother-in-law, Dale Trinkka and his son, David Trinkka.

If you wish to make a donation, in lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choice.

A visitation will be held 6-8 pm, Wednesday, July 17, 2019 and the funeral service will be 2 pm, Thursday, July 18, 2019 both at Moore's Southlawn Funeral Home at 9350 East 51st Street (51st and Mingo), Tulsa, OK.

Comments



“ Betty was a cousin several times removed, we connected through an internet site and traded information, then yearly Christmas greetings. I enjoyed her emails. Condolences to her family.

Denise from Iowa

Denise - July 24 at 04:38 PM



“ We will miss Betty, who always had a beautiful smile and a happy heart for everyone. She was a delightful member of Tulsa Genealogical Society who was always willing to share her love of genealogy (family history) with our group.

Dorothy Becknell, President
Tulsa Genealogical Society

Dorothy Becknell - July 18 at 09:14 AM



“ Warren, I'm sad to here of your wife"s passing, I believe I did meet her many years ago when we were playing tennis.

Your Tennis Friend Ed Redding

Ed Redding - July 17 at 04:56 PM



“ ,To Warren and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Although I never met Betty, I felt that I knew her from my business association with you (Warren) through your years with Vinson Supply and mine with Kentube. May God comfort all of you.
Sincerely,
Glena Alexander

glena alexander - July 17 at 04:16 PM



“ As a Will Rogers High School classmate, I so appreciate Betty's listing WRHS on the National Register of Landmarks. Love and blessings to Warren.

Lynette Bennett Danskin

Lynette Bennett Danskin - July 17 at 04:09 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Betty Ann Trinkka.



July 17 at 01:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Ann Trinkka.



July 17 at 11:36 AM



“ I'm saddened to learn of the passing of Betty Trinkka. She was one of the original members of the Board of Directors of the Will Rogers High School Community Foundation in 2010. I had first met her a few years earlier when I attended the ceremony to acknowledge the recognition of Will Rogers High School by the U.S. Department of the Interior on the National Register of Historic Places. Betty was the driving force behind that accomplishment. I knew she was a Roper at heart and would be a valuable member of our new organization, and she was one of the first people I asked to join us as a director. Her ideas and outspokenness were instrumental in shaping the Will Rogers High School Community Foundation and I am grateful for her contribution.

Ride On!

Richard B. Risk, Jr., J.D.
Founder, Past President, Advisor
Will Rogers High School Community Foundation

Richard Risk - July 17 at 11:29 AM



“ Kathy, Mike and Sandy purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Betty Ann Trinkka.



Kathy, Mike and Sandy - July 16 at 04:44 PM



“ Betty will be missed at the Tulsa Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a great source of knowledge and always had a big smile to offer everyone present. God bless you Betty, you are well loved.

Judith Neese
Chapter Historian

Judith Neese - July 16 at 03:57 PM



“ I envy Larry Hovis' experiences & knowledge of Betty Ann. Although we went to the same Jr. High & High School I did not know her well. It was only through the reunions in later years that I came to know and appreciate what a special lady she was. We communicated mainly through email and as I learned of her intelligence, dedication & persistence I came to admire her greatly. We can all be extremely thankful to her for saving our treasured Will Rogers High, in spite of being told it couldn't be done. I was late to the Betty Ann party but grateful for the experience. Deepest condolences to her family and myriad of friends. HAPPY TRAILS, BETTY ANN, YOU WILL BE SORELY MISSED!

Barbara Huggins McCutchen

Barbara McCutchen - July 16 at 01:22 PM



“ Your friends and co-workers at TreeHouse Foods purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Betty Ann Trinkka.



Your friends and co-workers at TreeHouse Foods - July 16 at 11:55 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Ann Trinkka.



July 16 at 11:24 AM



“ We have lost a truly remarkable and wonderful Lady and Friend. Betty was a wonderful inspiration to all she met. I cherish the time I knew her, from Kindergarten, Sidney Lanier, Woodrow Wilson, Will Rogers and OSU to her passing. A dynamic individual that was always there for you, To help you, guide you, encourage you, and yes, correct you, but always in a caring and loving way. She was such a blessing to all she met, always with that bright charming smile. Betty did such good and always in a quiet, humble but elegant way. From the United Daughters of the Confederacy, to the Rolls of Historical Sites, to keeping her classmates of Will Rogers '55, together, she was a driving force. Betty will be missed, but she will be remembered with love.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Warren and their family in this time of sorrow.

God bless you and comfort you.

Larry Hovis

Larry Hovis - July 16 at 10:46 AM



“ Prayers to all. Betty Ann was a sweet lady.

Phyllis Webb

Phyllis Webb - July 17 at 08:50 AM



“ Haven't visited with Betty Ann and Warren in several years but remember her fondly. Prayers to all.

Phyllis Webb - July 17 at 08:52 AM



“ To Warren and the boys & their families - Ken & Jacki Van Cura send our prayers and thoughts to ALL of you. Your previous Sun Meadow neighbors across the street and on the corner from your house.

jacki Van Cura - July 17 at 09:52 AM



“ Our condolences go out to Warren & family in the loss of a wife & mother. Dave & Eileen Beasley

Dave & Eileen Beasley - July 16 at 08:57 AM



“ What can I say about Betty? She was just the glue that kept our Rogers 55 group together. She had the lists and names and energy to share for all of us. She was always present for all of our activities and usually she had organized them. We will miss her greatly. I looked forward so much to her invite to this or that function. May God bless you Betty and comfort your family at this time.
Mike Haugh

Michael J. Haugh MD - July 16 at 06:43 AM



“ Blessed Heart was purchased for the family of Betty Ann Trinkka.



July 15 at 09:07 PM



“ I have such fond memories of my friendship with Betty Ann reaching only a few years back to Kindergarten. As we will miss her may we embrace and carry her generous spirit with us during the time we are granted. She was indeed blessed and was a blessing all of our classmates at Lanier, Wilson, Rogers and OSU. She is no doubt continuing to organize Rogers and Riding on to Excellence! Prayers for peace and comfort are lifted for the family.

Jo Anne Meade Lewis - July 15 at 06:04 PM



“ We will all miss this special passionate lady! Her strength and compassion for all our classmates kept us aware and grateful for one another! Her voice will always ring in my head as she called out all our names at our special events.....
Judy Robinson Ellis..joAnne Meade Lewis...Betty Jane tucker Thompson....etc. who else would have taken on that challenge!! We will all miss you, Betty Ann! You will remain in our hearts always until We meet once again!

Judy robinson ellis - July 16 at 12:08 PM



“ I can't begin to describe what you meant to me the last 40 years. You were the greatest aunt ever to you nephew Greg and to me. You welcomed me into the family with open arms and enclosed me in a loving hug that never let go. We will miss you so much but you will always be in our hearts. We love you.

Linda Rowe - July 15 at 05:07 PM



“ I became acquainted with Betty Ann through our membership in the United Daughters of the Confederacy. We have spend a lot of time visiting on the phone as well as in person. She was a very lovely lady with a great sense of humor. She will be very missed.

Rebecca Wester - July 15 at 11:56 AM