



Betty Fern Gillespie

December 28, 1950 - July 6, 2014

Betty Fern Gillespie, 81 passed away on July 6, 2014 in Lake Jackson, Texas, held by her children and grandchildren. Visitation will be held at 12:30 pm on Saturday July 12, 2014 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home. Services will be held at 2:30 pm with Reverend Gary Stump officiating. Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Anderson.

Betty was born on December 28, 1932 to Carl and Mary Davis in Ripley County, Indiana. She was the oldest of five children. She attended Shadeland School and Anderson High School. She married John Stephen Gillespie on December 17, 1950. They were married for 23 years and have 5 children that were her pride and joy. With that her circle grew to 15 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren. All of them survive her.

Betty was a realtor for many years in Anderson as well as in jewelry sales at JC Penney and Wal-Mart. She was active in the twins club, mothers club, scouting, and the Guidel Choir, as well as many other activities. She attended South Meridian Church of God. She is preceded in death by her Daddy Carl, Mother Mary, Pop Russell, Brother Bobby Davis, and Son In Law Butch Reel. She is survived by her best friend and Sister Florence Gibson, Brothers Leroy and Steve Davis, Twin Daughters Kathy Reel and Karen Carroll (Roger), Sons Mark (Pam), Richard (Bonnie), and David (Samantha) Gillespie.

Mom was the daughter of depression area parents that survived by hard work, faith in god, family, and sheer determination. She was taught at a young age that family was the most important thing any one person has. She expanded

on this by teaching her children what it was to love by being loved. Family is everything and family doesn't fight. They live, laugh, and love because life is uncertain. She taught us to work for what you want in life and that no one is entitled. She showed us how to be confident, tender, and compassionate while not having a tolerance for being mistreated or seeing your children mistreated. She had a heartfelt and contagious laugh and made everything an adventure. Everyone in her life had their own room in her heart. She constantly expressed her love and pride to us and it had no bounds. Her grandchildren were her world and she made sure everyone knew it. She was indescribably wonderful and is the foundation our family was built on. All of those fortunate enough to have experienced her love know the weight of our loss. Betty Fern taught us to be thankful to God, for the grass on the ground, the birds and the trees, each other, and each day we're given. As we go on we are thankful for all of the things she left us. But more than anything we thank God for giving us her.

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Cemetery Details

East Maplewood Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory
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Service

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Tribute Wall

RC

“ Betty and my mother Rozella (Huffman) grew up together and made many memories together from playing as kids all the way through life experiencing ups and downs. I loved Betty (and Florence) like you would an Aunt. She knew everything about me as she watched me grow up as well. Can only offer condolences and understanding as comfort to her family as distance between us makes it hard to give a hug or a laugh at good times. I will always remember her love of Elvis. My brother and I were with David the night Elvis died, she and my mom were out on the town, and we had to tell her the news when she got home, devastated and crying, hard to forget seeing her pain that night, but makes you appreciate the passion at which she lived her life, loved others, and dreamed big! She was a special lady and special to me as well

Rick Carter - July 14, 2014 at 05:14 AM

LH

“ Hello, My name is Loveland Shrader Hendricks, I lived on sixth street in Anderson. I used to come to your house and walk to school with Kathy & Karen. I seen Mrs. Gillespie at Walmart when she worked there and she remembered me after all of these years. She will always be a good memory of my childhood. I send my love to all the family. I know she will be missed.

Loveland Shrader, Hendricks - July 11, 2014 at 07:17 PM

SB

“ I am writing this for my Dad, Wayne Brahaum, after he told me of Betty's passing and finding this obituary. Over the years Dad frequently has talked about and the Reese family and told stories. Although I don't know many of you, I remember being around some of the family as a kid and mainly remember the generation of my Grandmother Vora and her siblings, along with Granpa Reese. Dad is in frail health and wishes he could come to the funeral, but he cant. He sends his best wishes to everyone.

Steve Brahaum

Steve Brahaum - July 10, 2014 at 12:57 PM