



*Betty Jean Norvell Downs*  
*March 10, 1928 - May 28, 2023*

Celebrating the Life of  
*Betty Jean Norvell Downs*

Saturday, June 10, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Broussard's Chapel

Beaumont, Texas

Mr. Brock Bassett

The Words of Gathering

Opening Prayer

Obituary Reading

*"Because He Lives"*

Family Tributes

*"Beyond the Sunset"*

by Brothers In Hymn

Scripture Readings

Psalms 103:8 & 1 Peter 5:7

Psalms 86:5 & John 11:25-26

Words of Comfort

*"Hold On"*

by Katy Nichole

Benediction

*"Irish Blessing"*





***Betty Jean Norvell Downs*** was born March 10, 1928, in San Francisco, California and passed away May 28, 2023, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Her parents were Driskill A. (Dan) and Clarissa Norvell.

Betty moved to Texas with her parents in 1942. She first attended Nederland High and made several lifelong friendships, joining in Nederland class reunions over the decades. They later moved to Beaumont where she graduated from Beaumont High in 1945. Betty married Tony Downs in January of 1945, and they settled

in Beaumont after the war. She first worked in Mr. Thomas Lombardo's shop downtown for a few years, and later worked for Pittsburg Plate Glass, where she also made lifelong friendships. During the 50's to early 70's, as they began raising their family, she helped her husband with his plumbing company, and had a fabric store for a while called The Fabric Garden.

In the mid 70's Betty began working full time, later retiring in 1992 from PageNet in Houston, where she'd transferred for several years. She moved back to Beaumont to be close to family again and worked part-time for Burns Properties for over 20 years. During retirement, while also having more time for her favorite hobbies, cooking and sewing/quilting, she found great joy in being a grandmother, and also enjoyed spending time with friends, traveling, and being in Bible Study Fellowship for seven years. Many years ago, she was a member of Westgate Church of Christ. Over the last 30 years she attended First Christian Church of Sour Lake, then was a member of Northwood Christian Church, later moving her membership to Calvary Baptist Church. Betty made good and lasting friendships wherever she worked or attended church.

Most recently she had moved to Colorado Springs with her daughter, Deborah.

Betty treasured her family and friends, and among other things, especially enjoyed cooking, sewing, games, and traveling. She was fun-loving and generous, especially with her tasty recipes. Betty was a Christian and would often say in recent years that God is good; that He'd taken care of her all her life, even when she didn't know it at the time, and she knew He would always take care of her.

Betty was an only child but had quite a few cousins, whom she loved dearly. She is survived by her daughters, Deborah Waguspack and husband Michael; Clara Storey and husband Gary; grandchildren, Jace Waguspack and wife, Jessica; Grant Waguspack and wife, Sarah; and Amanda Williams and husband, Wade; and great-grandchildren, Luke and Autumn Waguspack (Jace's); Joshua Ashe, Iris Mase, and Rachel Waguspack (Grant's). She is preceded in death by her son, Anthony C Downs, III; and her former husband, Anthony C. (Tony) Downs, Jr.



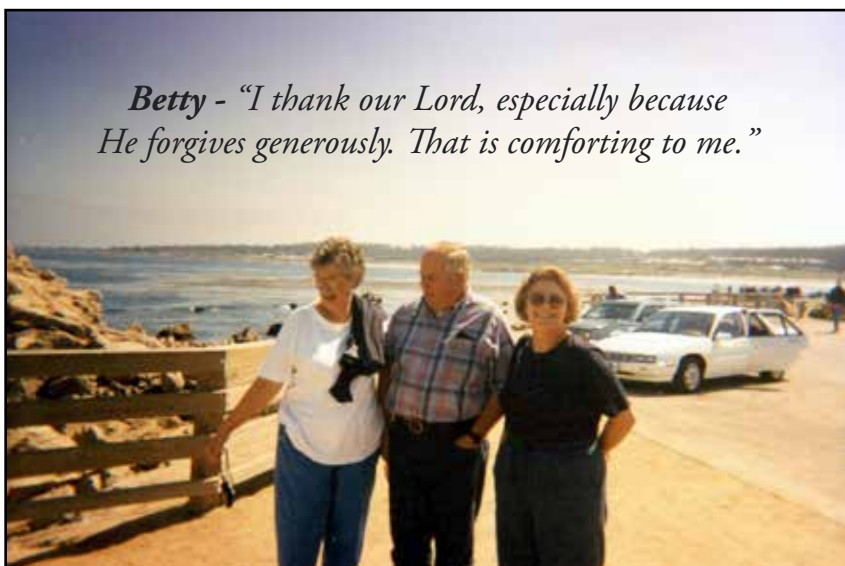


**Isaiah 55:6-7**

*Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call on him while he is near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways  
and the unrighteous their thoughts.  
Let them turn to the Lord,  
and he will have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.*



*Betty - "I thank our Lord, especially because  
He forgives generously. That is comforting to me."*







**Isaiah 40:31**

*but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.*







**Isaiah 46:4**

*Even to your old age and gray hairs  
I am he, I am he who will sustain you.  
I have made you and I will carry you;  
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.*





**Psalm 100:5**

*For the Lord is good and  
his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues  
through all generations.*





**Pallbearers**

Jace Waguspack  
Grant Waguspack  
Clay Weatherly  
Kirk Weatherly  
Russ Furry  
Andy Smith

**Interment**

Forest Lawn Memorial Park  
Beaumont, Texas

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