



Betty Sue Davis-Boyd

July 30, 1930 - December 25, 2022

On Christmas Day, December 25, 2022, Betty Davis-Boyd, 92, peacefully graduated with honors from this life, with family and friends at her side, and an Irish farewell. She left this life only twelve days after her husband, Howard Glenn Boyd, passed on December 13, 2022, at the age of 92. They had been living at Harding Place, in Searcy, Arkansas.

Betty is survived by her three adult children: Kenneth Laurence Davis of North Little Rock, AR, Stephen Clifford Davis of Knoxville, TN, Michael McDaniel Davis of Tampa Bay, FL and his spouse and devoted daughter-in-law, Michele Vida Davis. Betty was known as “Mèèmè” to her five surviving grandchildren: Russell Davis (spouse Emily), Brianna Carroll (spouse Randy), Nathan Davis (spouse Randi), Adrian Davis, and Alia Davis, and five great-grandchildren, Olivia Finley (spouse Sebastian), Chris Carroll, Alex Carroll, Hank Davis and Hope Davis. She was known as “Betty” to her three adult bonus children and their children: Janet Reinhardt (spouse Andreas) of Germany, John Boyd (spouse Candy) of Texas, and Jayson Boyd (spouse Elvira) of Texas.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, William Alonso McDaniel, Jr. (94), and Nancy Merle Parsons McDaniel (74), her third son, Byron Christopher Davis (39), her grandson, William Lynn Davis (19), her first husband of fifty-four years, Kenneth Davis, Jr. (83), her second husband of ten years, Howard Glenn Boyd (92), her four brothers, Beal Burks McDaniel,

Russell Ford McDaniel, Marion Johnson McDaniel, Calvin Coolidge McDaniel and two sisters, Lonnie Ludene Michael, and Imojean Pate.

She was born Betty Sue McDaniel on July 30, 1930, in Comanche County, Texas, where she spent her early childhood years on a farm, as the youngest of seven siblings. She later moved to Alhambra, California with her mother to live with one of her older sisters, Jean, and attend high school at Mark Keppel High School, where she graduated in 1947.

She met her first husband, Kenneth (“Ken”), a WWII Marine Combat Veteran who was doing post-graduate work in music, at a Pearl & Bryan church function in Dallas. They were married on January 25, 1951. In 1953, they moved to Harding College, where they joined the College Church of Christ family, and where Ken joined the music faculty, and was soon known as “Uncle Bud”, after one of his students overheard his mother call him Bud, his family name.

Betty had a beautiful soprano voice, and toured with Ken and his ensemble, The Belles and Beaux, as part of various USO tours entertaining U.S. Armed Forces. She accompanied him and the Harding A Cappella Chorus all over the United States and Europe, often taking Michael, their youngest, with them. Aunt Betty and Uncle Bud continued their missions after Ken’s retirement in 1988, spending three years working with churches in Romania, before settling stateside.

Betty was devoted to Ken for fifty-four years, until his passing on March 5, 2005. Seven years later, she and Glenn were married, and spent ten happy years together continuing their long-standing involvement with Harding as alumni and as part of the College Church of Christ family. Her life may be best summarized as “a life well loved” given her dedication and faithfulness to family, friends, and the Lord.

Heartfelt appreciation and love go out to the many volunteer friends who dedicated so much time to their company, care and well-being, and to the staffs at Harding Place, Southern Caregivers, Home Instead, Elite Hospice, Arkansas Hospice, Unity Health and Baptist Health, for the above-and-beyond care you provided our loved ones over the last three years. Special appreciation to Doctors Faith, Barden, Yates, Justice, Durham, Ballinger, Blue, City, White, Ransom and others for the care you provided them over the course of many years – thank you!

Memorial services will be held at two different locations on two different days – the first in Searcy, Arkansas, and the second in Dallas, Texas.

For the Searcy Memorial, visitation will be held at 10:00am on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at the College Church of Christ on 712 East Race Street. An area-wide potluck open to everyone will follow there at the church from noon to 2:00pm; then a Memorial service from 2:00 to 3:00pm.

For the Dallas Memorial, visitation will be held at 9:00am on Saturday, January 7, 2023 in the Wildwood Chapel at Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery located at 13005 Greenville Ave, Dallas, Texas. The Memorial service begins at 10:00am, and Interment immediately following on the grounds near the old water tower (Floyd Family Cemetery) where Betty will lie in state.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Betty's memory may be made to "Uncle Bud and Aunt Betty Scholarship Fund", and/or to "Women for Harding" (fka "Associated Women for Harding") - both at Harding University, Searcy, Arkansas 72143, and/or to Harding Place Retirement Living.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

College Church of Christ
Searcy, AR 72143

Funeral Service

JAN 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

College Church of Christ
Searcy, AR 72143

Tribute Wall



“ *Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Sue Davis-Boyd*



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 04, 2023 at 03:01 PM

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“ *from my heart my sincere condolence and deepest sympathy for the famely you where so helpful for us in the past NADY HUGO FRANK BEECKMAN FROM BELGIE*

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“ *Your friends and colleagues at Microsoft purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Betty Sue Davis-Boyd.*



Your friends and colleagues at Microsoft - January 04, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Davis-Boyd.*



December 31, 2022 at 03:54 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Davis-Boyd.*



December 30, 2022 at 10:18 AM



“ *Aunt Betty was a beautiful, loving, caring Christian. She was a wonderful aunt to many nieces and nephews. I will always keep her in my heart just as my siblings, Bethel, Carole, Tony, will also do. Love to her family.
Trevonne and Bill Davis*

Trevonne Davis - December 26, 2022 at 08:34 PM



*My beautiful beloved Aunt Betty how the memories flow from my heart, love you forever.
Love to all your family, may the memories live on.
Bethel McDaniel*

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What a joy it was to see "Aunt" Betty whenever I would visit Searcy! I was quickly grounded again remembering people and events we had shared. I will miss seeing her and send deepest sympathies to her family.

Joan Ritchie Toepel - December 29, 2022 at 04:07 PM

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thank you BETTY for your help in the past our condolences and deepest sympathy NADY FRANK BEECKMAN BELGIE

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