



Betty Dove Gruenwald

June 29, 1947 - August 12, 2021

Betty Gruenwald, age 74, passed away on August 12, 2021.

Betty was born June 29, 1947, to Charles Elkins and Betty West in Monterey, California. Betty married Herbert Gruenwald on February 9, 1962. Betty's hobbies include cooking.

Betty is preceded in death by her husband Herbert Gruenwald, Son Herbert Gruenwald the 2nd, Mother and Father, Brother Doug Elkins, and Sister Ruth Davis.

Betty is survived by her sons Barrett Gruenwald and William (Bill) Gruenwald, Daughter Michelle Tharp, Brothers Tim Elkins, David Elkins, Jimmy Elkins, and Sisters Jean Grant and Melissa Graham, Grandchildren Elizabeth Gruenwald, Melissa Wyatt, Chassidean Tattershall, Herbert Gruenwald the 3rd, Drew Tharp, Cynthia Tharp, and many great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be Saturday, August 21, 2021, at 2:30 PM at the Gathering Space in Bartlesville.

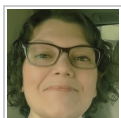
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LP

“ I was fortunate to meet and spend a little bit time with Betty this last year. She was an amazing women to hang out with and talk to. I know she will be dearly missed not only by her family but those within the community that were fortunate enough to meet her get to know her



Lizzie Putman - August 20, 2021 at 01:29 PM



Thank you, Lizzie, for the kind words and the care you showed Mom when she needed it most.

Michelle Tharp - August 21, 2021 at 01:00 PM

JE

I didn't get to visit my wonderful sister during her last days, due to the terrible environment we find ourselves in right now. But I long for the soon coming day when we can stroll hand in hand, right down Hallelujah Blvd heading for the throne!!!!
My earliest memories of this amazing lady was sitting on the side of the house, there in Seaside, after dark, while she told spooky stories!! Or sitting in her bedroom and listening to my, then, teenaged sister's favorite song..."The Wayward Wind"! I believe she identified with the song because of her free, and beautiful "wanderlust" spirit of adventure! That spirit also led her down the pathway to the "tower of God", where she has finally found that eternal safety in Jesus' Name!
Although we weren't able to spend a lot of time together in the recent years, I'm looking for that great family reunion in Glory!

I love you Betty Dove!!!!
Your little brother, Jimmy

Jim Elkins - August 21, 2021 at 05:34 PM

JE

Although we missed out on visiting recently, due to this crazy world's environment, I long for the day we will stroll hand in hand right down Hallelujah Blvd on our way to the throne!!

She was such a unique individual, there was no one like my sister. I remember as a young boy, her sitting with me on the side of the Seaside house, after dark, scaring me with her magnificent spooky stories!!

Or sitting on the floor of her bedroom listening to her favorite records, including the "Wayward Wind". It's words seemed to describe her fairly accurately, with that great feeling of wanderlust she had, always yearning to be free.

And now she truly is, having run straight into the "Tower of God" to find eternal safety!!

I love and miss you, my dear Betty Dove! And next time we sit together for that satisfying cup of coffee, we won't be rushed!!!!

Your little brother, Jimmy

Jim Elkins - August 21, 2021 at 05:51 PM

MT

Jimmy, I can't remember if I read this when you wrote it. I was (and still am at times) completely devastated. I'm working on my genogram for my master's program and found this tribute. Your words brought me to tears of both joy and grief. As her primary caretaker during the last few years of her life, my memories have been clouded by the toll Alzheimer's took on her body and mind. Your words bring back those wonderful memories of awe-inspiring storytelling and her calming, beautiful singing voice. I miss her so much.

MICHELLE DOVE THARP - September 20, 2025 at 01:55 PM