



## Betty Sue Patterson

September 22, 1932 - October 21, 2023

Betty Sue Machen Patterson

Passed away on October 21, 2023

Born September 22, 1932 to Earl and Julia Machen in Seymour, Texas.

She married Don Lynn Patterson on January 8, 1951 in Lubbock.

Preceded in death by Don, her husband of 59 years, her parents, sister Dorothy Shockley, brother Charles Machen, granddaughter Leslie Bateman, and grandson John Wigington.

She is survived by daughter Julia Nunn, daughter Donna Redding and husband Charlie, daughter Kippi Wigington and husband Jim. Grandchildren Cole Nunn, Micki Evans and husband Chris, Whitney Barrentine and husband Kyle, Danielle Ayres and husband David, Steven Wigington and wife Deb, Phillip Wigington and wife Heather.

She also leaves behind 14 great-grandchildren who adored her and many nieces and nephews.

Betty Patterson started her career in education in 1959. She received

numerous awards and recognitions throughout her 60 plus years tenure as an educator. She left an impact on countless teachers, staff, students and community members. Betty was also an active community member working tirelessly with United Care, scholarship committees, as well as a devoted member of the Hico Church of Christ.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Lenny Redding for being always ready to lend a helping hand to Betty, Julia, and family for the last few years.

Anybody who ever met Betty Patterson walked away thinking 'BeBe is wonderful'. She has left a legacy for which we will be forever thankful.

A 'Celebration of Life' will be held at the Hico Church of Christ on October 28th at 2 PM. The family would like to invite everyone to join them at the Hico Elementary Cafeteria immediately following the service for refreshments.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made to Hico Church of Christ, Hico Scholarship Fund, or Hico Senior Activity Center.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **28**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hico Church of Christ  
301 Pecan ST  
Hico, TX 76457

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Love from El Paso! Betty, my sweet great Aunt and all her beautiful daughters carry on with her fun loving spirit and legacy! Love to you all, Jana💕💕

Jana Simpson - October 23, 2023 at 11:13 PM

VP

“ Bette was my 7th grade teacher many years ago. I will never forget how wonderful of a teacher she was. Even after that she was always kind and encouraging. She was a special lady with a special gift of being a wonderful teacher. She will be missed greatly. You and your family are in my prayers.

Vicki Pierce Pledger - October 23, 2023 at 05:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty Sue Patterson.

October 23, 2023 at 03:51 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Patterson.



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RG

“ My first year teaching in 1980 at Hico, she told me not to smile until after Christmas. In the classroom so kids would believe your tuff. She was always smiling and was a great mentor for me. Will never forger her.

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**Rodney Gillen-Hall** - October 23, 2023 at 02:25 PM

SP

“ Bebe was one of a kind. She helped me get my job at Central Texas Shared Services. What fun we had working together. But she was already a true friend and an awesome educator as she helped our son Mike Pettijohn at Hico High School. She took Mike and Cody Allred under her wing and made sure they made it thru school. Although I am heart broken I can just see her leading the angels and making sure they stepped up to help kiddos. I can hear God saying well done my good and faithful servant. I will never forget your advice and love Bebe, I will rejoice when we are together again. Keep the door open for me. Much love The Pettijohn's

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**Shirley Pettijohn** - October 22, 2023 at 08:52 AM

MG

“ Will miss your laugh and smile...  
Beautiful Lady!



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**Marla Guinn** - October 21, 2023 at 10:19 PM