



# Betty Mae Puckett

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**B**etty Mae Gardner Farasy Puckett Born May 9, 1927, in England, Arkansas, Betty Mae Gardner was the seventh of twelve children of Ivy Briggs Gardner and Alvin Gardner. She died July 14, 2013, of causes related to breast cancer at her home in Estacada, Oregon. Betty graduated from England High School before moving to California in 1947. She graduated from beauty school and then worked for the phone company in Los Angeles. In the spring of 1948, she met Earl Oliver Farasy while dancing at the Paladium. They married in September of that year. In 1951, they moved to Portland, Oregon, where she raised her family. She was active in the Altar Society at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and Christ the King Catholic Church in Milwaukie. She first met Fred A. Puckett, Jr. in 1947, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. After many years, they reconnected and were married on July 15, 1978, in La Mesa, California. She had a lifelong love of learning and enjoyed music, arts and crafts, reading, writing, genealogy, quilting and, especially, gardening. She will be remembered forever for her love and compassion, grace, kindness, and sense of humor. Betty is survived by her husband, her six children, Christine (Roger) Flynn of Phoenix, Arizona, Richard Farasy of Milwaukie, Margaret (Steve) Ryan of Lead, South Dakota, Anthony Farasy of Estacada, Lisa Peterson of Battle Ground, Washington, and Michelle (Nate) Schwartzberg of West Hills, California, her sister Margo Deems of Salinas, California, grandchildren Dawn Flynn, Elizabeth Weckstein, Nicole (Kevin) Iervolino, Jessie Elizares, Gabe (Colleen) Christian, Caitlin Farasy, Ricky Farasy, Matthew Peterson, Sarah Peterson, Gayle Schwartzberg, and Joshua Schwartzberg, and great-grandchildren Mason, Piper, and Rylee Weckstein and Elijah and Quentin Iervolino. She was preceded in death by her parents, ten of her siblings and granddaughter, Shannon Eckert Flynn. A memorial Mass will be held Friday, July 19 at 11 a.m. at St. Phillip Benizi Catholic Church in Oregon City. Recitation of the Rosary will be at 10:30 a.m. Private interment at Willamette



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National Cemetery following. Betty would appreciate donations to the Mayo Clinic at [www.mayoclinic.org/donate](http://www.mayoclinic.org/donate) in support of education and research



## Tribute Wall

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**Gayle And George Weckstein - July 18, 2013 At 12:36 Am** posted:

We only met her a few times but she was a wonderful person. Our condolences to her family

February 15 at 5:00 PM

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**Robin Mccarty-Gulledge - July 18, 2013 At 01:19 Am** posted:

My heartfelt love, prayers & condolences go out to all of her children & her grandchildren, in this time of great sorrow. Aunt Betty loved with her whole heart & her simplest of gestures, that so warmed my heart, was that she always remembered me with a Christmas card. I always looked forward to this sweet gesture from my aunt that lived so far away, yet, felt ever close! Her visits were one of the highlights of my early years. Her laughter would fill our house & she would always get us Laughiing so hard that I would start snorting. I know she's watching over all her loved ones, because that's the kind of woman she was & is! I will miss her & I look forward to seeing her again on the other side.  
Love, Robin Mccarty-Gulledge

February 15 at 5:00 PM

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**Shirley Hansell Barger - July 18, 2013 At 02:32 Pm** posted:

Just wanted to say that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Aunt Betty was such a wonderful lady, words can't describe her. She will be missed always. Love you Aunt Betty.

February 15 at 5:00 PM

T0

**Terri Gradt - July 18, 2013 At 03:08 Pm** posted:

Dear Lisa, I am deeply saddened about the loss of your beloved mother. I remember many occasions when you expressed your love for Betty, the heartfelt stories about Betty's inspiration and devotion to her family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Love, Terri Gradt

February 15 at 5:00 PM

FF

**Friends And Family** posted:

Friends and Family uploaded 1 to the gallery.

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Betty by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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