



Bettye Ruth Dickinson Mauterer

April 28, 1935 - July 19, 2022

Bettye Ruth Dickinson Mauterer of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, formerly of Biloxi, Mississippi and Bessemer, Alabama went to be with the Lord on July 19, 2022 at 87 years old. Bettye was born April 28, 1935 in Bessemer, Alabama and grew up under the loving care of her parents Mary Evelyn Bain Dickinson and Thomas Ramon Dickinson. Following strong examples from her heritage, Bettye worked to pave the way toward a better future for family and community. She devoted much of her life to caring for others as a medical professional. After graduating from Hueytown High School, she studied nursing at University of Alabama Birmingham, graduating from Samford University. She served as assistant administrator for Oscar Creech, MD, Dean of Tulane University School of Medicine and Chairman, Department of Surgery, as well as Edward Kremenz, MD, Director of Tulane Cancer Clinical Research Center and Chief of Surgical Oncology while they were pioneering medical advances, most notably for organ transplants, blood vessel grafts, and cancer treatment. Bettye completed post-graduate work in administration while at Tulane. She also held positions as Assistant Director of Nursing for Touro Hospital and Director of Nursing for Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sometimes choices between career and family were difficult such as when Chief Cardiovascular Surgeon of Tulane Glenn Kokame, MD offered her an administrator and Director of Nursing position at a new hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii. Instead, she opted to join her then husband Arthur A Mauterer, M.D.

as he completed a surgical residency in Atlanta Georgia. The couple later relocated to Baton Rouge and became parents.

Bettye was a very beautiful, gifted, and artistic person, once selected as the most photogenic young woman in Southeast, having had her photo submitted by a local photography studio. She was an accomplished equestrian, raising and showing Tennessee Walker Horses, raised Hereford cattle and Louisiana Catahoulas, was a licensed real estate broker, and ran numerous businesses including physician office administration, property management, and owner of a radio station.

Bettye later moved to Biloxi, Mississippi, began post-graduate Physician's Assistant studies and became Director of Baxter Labs until her retirement. She was a fun loving woman, fondly known by her patients as Doc Bettye while at Baxter, who specialized in RH Negative Serums for expectant mothers both in US and abroad.

Bettye was preceded in death by her daughter, Jennifer Elaine Mauterer Lett, parents Mary Evelyn Bain Dickinson, Thomas Ramon Dickinson, brother Thomas Larry Dickinson (Gail).

She was survived by her sister Carole E Dickinson Stevens (Charles-deceased), sister in law Gail Glover Dickinson, nieces Rhonda Stringfellow (Dale), Cynthia Huesmann (Charles), and nephew Thomas Dickinson, Jr. (Laurie) and a host of great/great-great nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. The family wishes to thank all of the friends who were and are a great part of their lives who they consider family.

Funeral services will be held on August 19 at 11AM at McCalla Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Adger Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home between 9 and 11AM on August 19. Online condolences may be sent to www.mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

McCalla Memorial Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

AUG 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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