



## Betty Jean Ross

October 12, 1962 - December 3, 2023

Betty J. Smith Ross of Lampasas, Texas, passed away on December after a difficult battle with cancer. Betty was born on October 12, 1962 to Lavell (Doc) and Jewell Smith in Lampasas, Texas and lived a short 61 years at the time of her passing.

Betty is survived by her loving husband, William (Bud) Ross; a son, John New of Lampasas; a daughter, Amanda New of Temple; a daughter, Jessica Miller of Lampasas; and a son, Jared Miller of Lampasas. Betty is also survived by four siblings: a brother, Andy Smith of Winters, Texas; a sister, Barbara and husband Johnny Plummley of Winters, Texas; a sister, Ann and husband John Bradshaw of Abilene, Texas; a sister Joy and husband Ronnie Curry of Winters, Texas and countless nieces and nephews.

Bud and Betty met in the parking lot of the local convenience store located in Winters, Texas where Bud asked Betty to go for ride on his motorcycle. One short ride was the beginning of a lifelong journey together which included many wonderful bike trips all over the US and Canada. They both suspected that over the years they had crossed paths many times in the small town of Winter, and they both were very thankful that they finally got together. Bud and Betty have been truly blessed in their marriage and sincerely wished they could have made it to their 40 years anniversary in May of 2024.

Betty studied education at Abilene Christian University and graduated with her Bachelor of Education in 1997. Betty's teaching career began in the Pasadena School district in Houston, Texas where she taught her first year. At that time

Bud and Betty decided to move back to the Lampasas area where Betty taught for the next 22 years in the Killeen Independent School district. Betty loved teaching middle school age students and enriched the lives of many, many young people at Eastern Hills Middle School before retiring from her teaching career in May of 2022.

Throughout her life, and even in the midst of her battle with cancer, Betty always found a way to smile and encourage those around her. She will be greatly missed. Mrs. Ross is in the care of Heritage Funeral Home in Lampasas. A memorial for Betty will be held at the First Street Church of Christ, Lampasas, Texas at 1:00 on Saturday, December 9, 2023.

# Previous Events

## Memorial

DEC 9. 1:00 AM (CT)

First Street Church of Christ  
201 W. 1st St  
Lampasas, TX 76550

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ I knew Ms. Betty Ross when I was in middle school in 6th grade she was a nice person I'm sorry for your loss after battling cancer you Will be missed so much



Tyrone Butler - December 21, 2025 at 12:29 AM

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“ Prayers for Bud and their Family 🙏🥰 I'm thankful Betty is healed from the suffering cancer brought to her. Y'all did a wonderful job caring for her ☺️

Tony & Bobbie Truelove - December 06, 2023 at 05:34 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Ross.



December 05, 2023 at 08:28 PM

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“ I worked with both Bud and Betty Ross at EHMS. After I left that school for another school we remained friends. I would run into Bud at Sam's when he was making a purchase for the concession stand he ran for the football games. Betty was always by his side. What a beautiful legacy Betty leaves with all the middle school students she impacted as a teacher, as well as her own children. God bless you always Betty. I will miss you.

Sandra (Dixon) Lang - December 05, 2023 at 01:50 AM