



Betty Lee Quinlan

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Betty L. Quinlan, 83 years old from Decatur, IL., passed away on January 2, 2026, surrounded by family.

Born in San Diego, California, she began her career as a dance instructor before moving to Illinois, where she worked as an interior decorator for Sears and JC Penney. She later retired from Thornton's in 2012.

In her free time, she enjoyed sketching, painting, and solving word puzzles. A true animal lover, she especially adored her Chihuahua, Chica, with whom she will be lovingly reunited.

She always saw the good in people, loved to laugh, and her contagious laughter brought joy to everyone around her. She was a loving mother to her two daughters, Teri Myers and Tracie Arocha.

She is survived by her brother, Charles "Chuck" Graham, and Judy Graham; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, listed from oldest to youngest: April Myers; Rachael and Luke Gallivan; Brandy and Tyler Smith; Brock and Ramon Arocha; Aiden Parrish (Malone); Emma and Elliott Gallivan; and Rowan Smith.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ellen "Bunny" Graham (Harryman), and her father, Cecil E. Graham.



Tribute Wall

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Sara Wachter lit a candle in honor of Betty.

Sara Wachter lit a candle in memory of Betty Quinlan

January 10 at 4:25 PM



Myrna Quinlan lit a candle in honor of Betty.

Teri, Tracie and Family~ I'm so sorry to read about your Mom, I would run into her every so often but not for a few years. Yes, her laugh was contagious~ I have happy memories of all of you and the years we spent together! She was always so proud of you both and I know you will miss her so much.

January 8 at 7:49 PM



Becky Davis posted:

First of all my thoughts an prayers going out to Terri Myers an Tracie Arocho I just loved your mom she was always loving an caring to me growing up! Just remember coming over all the time and she would always have crackers an cheese for us 🍪 And that laugh was contagious 🗣️ So Sorry for your loss ladies 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏 Love Becky

January 8 at 11:26 AM



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Brandy Smith shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

There's so much to be grateful for she would always say. Rowan was her "little stuff" and I was her "hot mess". Tyler was her grandson and thought the world of him. She always was overly appreciative. She's the strongest woman I know. I'm going to miss her soft skin and her warm hugs. She reminded me when I hurt she hurts. She never wanted to be a burden. She loved reading, crossword puzzles, and lifetime shows. Don't forget some Taco Bell from time to time. When I didn't know my way around town when I was younger she always answered. She was so patient with me and made me feel comfortable when my anxiety was high. She always knew what to say. And if she had nothing nice to say to you then you'll just get the silent treatment. She taught me so much. I will carry her love with me and she knows I'll be looking for her when I see butterflies. I'll be talking out loud to her. I told her to be ready to listen. Everytime I buy a fern for the summer I'll think of her. I'll never forget the times she got mouthy with people because I was with her she knew I would back her up. But let me tell you. She spreads kindness and love with anyone she felt good energy from. She brought so many smiles on people's faces. She's our guardian angel now. I know she's still with me. I reminded her so many times how loved she is and how I'm so lucky to had her in my life. She's shaped me into the woman that I am today. She loved us so so so very much. Every chance she had she reminded us. To be loved by her was the most incredible feeling. She made my family and I feel truly special. I miss her so very much. I'll carry her love with me wherever I go. I love you bunches grandma. ❤️ 🥹



January 7 at 10:43 AM

R

Ramon Arocha posted:

I would say my fondest memory of Betty is when she came to visit us in Indiana and my mom surprised her with a puppy chihuahua. My grandma had no idea and when she got there my mom put the puppy in her shirt and when they hugged my mom said "what is that" and pulled out the puppy and gave it to my grandma. She was filled with joy and the puppy was her best friend for the next 15 years. I love and miss you grandma Betty.

January 7 at 3:41 PM

J

Judy Sumner lit a candle in honor of Betty.

Thinking of family at this difficult time. Prayers for all to heal.

January 7 at 10:43 AM





Media

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Brandy Smith shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 7 at 8:56 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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