



## Betty Jane Carrell

April 14, 1944 - September 26, 2023

Betty Jane Carrell, "Janie", age 79, passed away peacefully at The Brixton Assisted Living facility in Horseshoe Bay, TX with the doctor and sweet caregivers by her side on Tuesday morning September 26, 2023, after fighting a long 5 year battle against vascular dementia and heart issues.

Janie was born in Monahans, TX on April 14, 1944. She had two sisters, Kathy, and Jeannie. These three "tough as nails" girls lost their mom to Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma when Janie was 13, and they very quickly had to take the reins of cooking and cleaning while their dad was working in the cotton fields. All four worked together to make ends meet.

Janie met the love of her life, Don Carrell, at an Aggie party (there's more to that story, but she did not like it shared). Don and Janie were married by Brother Burt in San Antonio on November 12, 1966. They had Betty Pauline "Polly" Carrell on July 11, 1973. They were married for almost 57 years.

Prior to her death, Janie lived most of her life in Harlingen, Texas. In 2019, she and Don moved to Burnet, Texas to do what they love doing the most, being close to and spending time with their daughter and their beautiful granddaughters, who she loved and adored with all her heart.

Janie was the most incredible mother any daughter could ask for. She was an idyllic homemaker, a devout Christian, a passionate Girl Scout leader, a creative seamstress, an imaginative Christmas float builder... all the while asserting her dominance in the kitchen while keeping Polly and Don fed with three square meals a day (including enforcement of table manners). Her real

work began when Polly grew into her teenage years, and she began raising all of her friends as her own. That's when her chauffeur position kicked in and she transported kids to toilet paper houses, to the drive-in movies, back and forth to the beach, and to all the places in between.

Janie loved every kid who walked through her door, and no one who ever entered her house ever left without knowing that. She volunteered with the PTA, supported everything the kids touched, and supported every idea and scheme that they came up with. She was a master organizer, literally giving Polly \$9.33/day to live off of at Texas A&M, she enjoyed planning a good party, and she was delighted with 4th of July sparkles. She will be missed by so many, but her own light will "sparkle" on.

She is survived by her husband, Don Francis Carrell; daughter, Polly Carrell-Wilde (Eric); Granddaughters Brenna Paige Wilde (13) and Bridgette Gayle Wilde (11); Sister and Cousins, Jeannie "Sissie" Norcross-Aker; Patsy Williams and Mary Williams; Sister-in-law, Patricia Biesenbach; Nephews and Nieces, Philip Haines (Codi), Michael Heap (Marcie), Keith Heap (Tiffany), Julie Oakes, Pam Abernathy (David), David Ehrler, Erin Hall (Clint), LeeAnn Haines, Shannon Green, Tommy Green, Allen Payne (Marina) and numerous sweet cousins and friends.

Janie was preceded in death by her parents, Barrett Frank Norcross and Pauline Norcross; sister, Kathy Norcross-Oakes; and brother-in-law Otto Biesenbach.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, at the Mission Park South Funeral Home from 10:00 and the service will be at 11:00 A.M in the Missions Park Chapel. Interment will follow the service.

Because Janie loved animals, donations may be made in her name to Pet Pals Marble Falls, Living Love Animal Rescue Marble Falls, or a local animal rescue.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
<http://www.missionparks.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
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San Antonio, TX 78214  
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## Funeral Service

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## Interment

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# Tribute Wall



“ Polly, I just today=Jan. 27and learned of your Mom's passing. She worked for me at The Silent Re-Run for many years and we first met at our beauty shop. I am so sorry she had health problems her last years. My sympathy to all of you. God Bless, Marian Topp

Marian Topp - January 27, 2024 at 10:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Jane Carrell.



October 05, 2023 at 04:42 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Betty Jane Carrell.



October 05, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Jane Carrell.



October 04, 2023 at 10:14 PM

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“ Ann F. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Betty Jane Carrell.



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Ann F. - October 04, 2023 at 03:34 PM

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“ Ann F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Jane Carrell.

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Ann F. - October 04, 2023 at 03:34 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jane Carrell.



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October 03, 2023 at 03:43 PM



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

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October 03, 2023 at 03:43 PM

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“ Glenn Gandara, fellow Classmate. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Betty Jane Carrell.



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**Glenn Gandara, fellow Classmate.** - October 02, 2023 at 09:15 PM

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“ God gave Mrs. Carrell talents and skills to accomplish His work on earth. My most cherished memories with Mrs. Carrell were in preparation for our wedding day. Mrs. Carrell offered, volunteered, and created beautiful arrangements and decorations to make our day special. I cherished her God-given skills, and I admired her big heart to reach out and help others with the talents she was given. We thank you Mrs. Carrell for all your love and hope that you are decorating heaven right now! -Braden family

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**Braden** - October 01, 2023 at 07:29 AM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Jane Carrell.



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October 01, 2023 at 06:58 AM

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“ *Janie was a very sweet lady, she was always busy trying to make every occasion go perfectly. I can't remember ever seeing her sitting, she was always taking care of something. May Janie rest in peace and may God give comfort and peace to her family. ❤️*

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**Cindy Wilde** - October 01, 2023 at 06:38 AM