



## Betty Jane Dees Butler Watson

October 2, 1929 - December 23, 2006

Betty Jane Dees Butler Watson, born October 2, 1929 in Vivian, Louisiana, died Saturday, December 23, 2006 at the age of 77. Betty Watson enjoyed life. Her final illness was worsened because she could not get outside to enjoy the out of doors. Betty worked from the time she was a very young child and continued throughout her entire life. She worked to support her husbands, family and anyone she befriended. It never seemed that she took any leisure, always finding a project to do for someone else. Sandwiched between caring for her husbands, and her mother, she did enjoy cooking, comforting and travel in equal measure. Whether sewing for her children and grandchildren, cooking countless cookies and meals for the same, she also cooked for people she did not know, volunteering at the nursing home in Boerne, and inviting soldiers into her home while they could not be with their families. Each year she looked forward to making a trip to the coast to cook in a different kitchen and see a different vista. When she ceased traveling as part of her wifely duties Italy, France, Austria, Germany, Morocco, the Azores, Portugal she continued to travel to see her children and grandchildren on the West Coast, New York, Colorado, Nevada, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana and then followed every wedding and family reunion to explore even more - from Mexico to Montana. Even though she was a very ill her next plan was to buy a Mini-Winnebago and explore more of the United States. She also enjoyed strong friendships over many generations and was proud to be a member of one of the longest running "Bunko" games in San Antonio.

She loved and supported many San Antonio institutions including the zoo, the Witte Museum and the Women's Bar Foundation. She was a charter member of the Smithsonian's Indian Heritage Museum as well. She offered shelter to many stray dogs and cats over the years, adopting them with the same love as her children. Finally, she was a deeply spiritual woman. Regular church attendance was deferred to cooking, but she still worshipped every day of her life and maintained her membership in the Rose Hill Baptist Church in Texarkana, Texas. She will be missed by all of her family and many, many friends.

# Tribute Wall

GB

“ *this was my grandma. i remember going to her house every sunday after church and hugging her. i miss those times. i loved and still do love her. i miss her so much. i cry everyday at the loss. i always remember going to bunco with her and always hearing h*

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**Geneva Butler** - October 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Aunt Betty will be missed most of all for that deep laugh, her sense of humor, and those wonderful homemade rolls....that we never got the recipe for! We will all love and cherish the good memories forever.*

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**Pam Iapalucci** - January 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I will always have such wonderful memories of Mom Watson and the many years I had the privilege of knowing her. She took me under her wing even before my own mother died, and made me part of the family. Our Sundays will never be the same again without Mom*

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**Betty** - December 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *I was a member of the famous \\\"Bunco\\\" club. I will always think of you whenever I make a bunco, and you won\\'t be there to say your famous saying that we all adopted. I will also miss your kind heart. Janis*

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**Janis** - December 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.*

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**Directors & Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North** - December 27, 2006 at  
12:00 AM