



## Bertie Brightman

October 18, 1940 - December 2, 2025

Berta Bettis Brightman, born October 18, 1940, passed away on December 2, 2025, in Owings Mills, Maryland. She was the beloved daughter of Oswell and Allean Brightman of Comanche, Texas.

Berta grew up in Comanche, where her life story became one of extraordinary perseverance and grace.

At the age of two, she became severely disabled by an unknown condition, losing both her ability to walk and talk. Through determination and family support, she relearned both—an early sign of the resilience that would characterize her entire life.

She graduated from Comanche High School in the Class of 1959. Ambitious and undaunted by her lifelong disability, Berta left her small hometown to pursue higher education.

She earned her Bachelor of Science in Home Economics from North Texas State University.

Her sense of adventure carried her far beyond Texas. Berta taught Native Alaskans in Bethel, Alaska,

before returning to Texas Woman's University, where she earned her Master of Science in Dietetics

and Home Economics. She later became a registered dietitian, contributing to research at Johns

Hopkins University before devoting the remainder of her career to public service as a dietitian for the State of Maryland.

Berta's professional accomplishments were paralleled by the warmth of her personality. She had a cheery disposition, loved to laugh, and greeted everyone with genuine kindness. She never failed to take interest in others, and she inspired people with her unshakeable positivity.

Practical and forward-thinking, Berta carefully planned for her retirement—a decision that served her well during her many happy years in assisted living. She remained active in the American Association of University Women and was a committed member of Mt. Olive United Methodist Church in Randallstown, Maryland.

Berta is survived by her devoted brother, Tom Brightman, and his husband, Joel Stocker, of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico; her niece, Alex Brightman of San Antonio; her nephew, Mark Brightman and his wife, Roxie Brightman, of New Braunfels; and her grandniece, Sarah Brightman of San Antonio.

Memorials may be sent to Mt. Olive UMC, Randallstown, Maryland, and the Comanche Public Library.

Further plans will be announced at a later date.

Berta cherished her family, her friends, and her Texas roots. Her life was a testament to courage,

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“ Dear Brightman Family, I have a memory to share of beloved Berta. Berta, my Grandmother, Betty Lou, my sister, Emily, and I would make black cows, which are made of vanilla ice cream and Coca-Cola, and play dominoes for hours on end. Berta knew how to win; however, never bragged or made us feel less than. She was a kind soul who loved a sweet treat and a good game of cards or dominoes. She will be forever missed in our hearts, and it was an honor to know her. Sincerely, Emily and Julia Traband

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