



Betty 'Bebe' Louise Edwards Clift-Tait

June 26, 1927 - July 2, 2015

Betty 'Bebe' Louise Edwards Clift-Tait of Houston, Texas passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 2, 2015, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on June 26, 1927 to Frank and Pauline Rush Edwards in Tahoka, Texas. Bebe was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Bebe's family moved to Houston, Texas, where she attended Lamar High School, but later graduated from Pasadena High School.

Bebe met and married James 'Jim' William Clift in 1949, in Houston, Texas, where they raised their four daughters in Maplewood South; Paula King, Jamie Lorch, Joanne Bobal and Mollie Striednig.

She served her community and provided leadership to her four daughters, in the San Jacinto Girl Scout Council, as a troop leader and neighborhood coordinator.

Their mutual love of Texas A&M University led the family to spend many weekends at Kyle Field, in College Station. Bebe continued to support their beloved Aggies with her gifts of scholarships and support, even after Jim's passing in 1994.

Bebe had a vision for change in 1971. She and Jim made a bold move to Richmond, Texas, to start a successful Hereford ranching endeavor. Together they grew JBarB Farms from one to two ranches, adding a beautiful Hereford operation in Schulenberg, Texas. She was known to many as a superb and accomplished rancher.

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Bebe is remembered as a fun loving, adventuresome, and gracious Texas lady. She enjoyed spending time with her large family, pursuing her many passions - such as playing bridge with her close circle of dear lady friends. Bebe is preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Pauline Edwards, her adored brother Gene Frank Edwards, her loving first husband of 45 years, Jim Clift and her beloved Jack Tait. She is survived by a large and loving family. The family wishes to thank devoted caregivers, skilled physicians and Houston Hospice for their expert care of our Bebe. For those who desire, donations may be made to American Heart Association, Houston Hospice or the charity of your choosing.

Tribute Wall

DT

“ *My heart goes out to the Clift family..it is so hard to say goodbye.An Angel named Mom will be looking over you girl's.*
Love, Darci

Darci Green Templeton - July 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. She was a wonderful and precious lady. the Lord is now blessed with one of his precious angels returning home to rest.*

Rick Torres - July 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I shall mourn the loss of my beloved cousin and friend. Bebe and Jim were ever great champions of mine from my childhood. I shall always recall her humor, her grin, her strength of character and sincere heart; and the hours of generous fellowship and exuberant joy she and Jim gave to Mom and me in their homes over the years; and in more recent years with Jack at her side.

Bebe's girls were her champions serving her best interests of health and happiness. They honored their mother in their constant love and devoted service. She was sustained, thrived and reveled in their devotion for which they are to be most highly commended.

To my Cousins, I am saddened by her passing, and for your great loss. I am comforted by the knowledge of the blessed hope in Christ, and her devout faith in our Savior. I wish I could be there today to honor Bebe's life and legacy.

With heartfelt regret and love for Bebe, Jim, Jack and the Clift family

Maurice Harding

Maurice Harding - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Paula, Randy and family,
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your dear mother. Having met her only a time or two, it took no time at all to realize what a wonderful and classy lady she was. I know you all will miss her, but be confident of the fact that she is in the most wonderful place smiling down on everyone.

*Our condolences to you and yours,
JR and Verlyn Redden*

JR and Verlyn Redden - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *What wonderful memories I have of Bebe. Her smile lit up a room and all those with her. If all of us had the joy that Bebe had and shared with each one of us, we would all be in a better place. She will be greatly missed. She was the ultimate Texas Lady.*

Melanie Leeper - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Melanie Leeper - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Aunt Bebe made the world a better place with her laughter, grace, wit, and charm. She will be missed. She leaves behind a beautiful legacy of the generations that follow. Praying for you all during this time of sorrow. Love, Monti*

Monti Channon - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *What joy and fun to be a cousin for all these years. So many wonderful memories of Edwards reunions, mostly at the farms. Bebe was always my glamorous cousin with 4 beautiful daughters. as we celebrate her life, I know there is a big reunion in Heaven. But I will miss her. love, Janice*

Janice Edwards Moore - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Bebe was my dear cousin and a magnificent lady. I agree with those who wrote Texas lady because they are a special breed of women! I loved Bebe's love for her family, her zest for living and her determination to make the most of her life. Paula, Jamie, Jo and Mollie - you were the light of her life and you all were so loving to her, taking care of her needs and wants. God bless and keep you and your families through this time.*

*Love,
Susan*

Susan Peloquin - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Dearest Bebe, It has been my honor and a true pleasure to call you family. I will miss your smiling face until I see you again and know those closest to you who mourn your passing, know with conviction it is but a moment of time before we will be joined again.*

Randy Rush - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Bebe Clift is how I knew her. My relationship, with BeBe, was centered around her daughter Mollie who was a very special lady in her own right. BeBe was such a 'spark of life' overflowing with a joy and love for those that surrounded her life. Always smiling but could hold her own when the time called for it. The mother of four of the most beautiful girls both inside and out...Paula, Jamie, Joann and Mollie. Devoted to the well being of her family, Bebe was a dedicated and devoted mother and friend to so many others. Although it has been many years since I've seen BeBe, I would always be able to pick her out of a crowd...all she had to do is smile. Thank you Bebe for loving a young man who needed what you always had to offer...unconditional love. I will never forget you. The Bible says 'to be absent from the body is to be present with Lord'. Amen!*

Jeff Richard Wallace - July 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM