



## Willie Birdwell

March 16, 1934 - January 8, 2023

Surrounded by family, Willie Birdwell passed away at home on January 8, 2023, at the age of 88.

She was born March 16, 1934, in Lufkin, TX to William and Eva Caples and raised in Zavalla, TX. Willie was the Valedictorian of her Zavalla High School graduation class and received an Associate degree from Pineywoods Business School. She continued her education at the University of Houston.

She married Bill Birdwell 64 years ago and they spent the early part of their many years together living abroad in Libya and Brazil through Bill's international assignments in the oil and gas business. She ultimately settled in Fort Bend County, TX where she raised her two children and enjoyed a long career in finance with Coastal Corporation. She retired from Coastal after over 30 years of service.

Willie always put the needs others before hers and her joy was caring for Bill, her children and the many dogs that were part of the family over the years. Her passions included cooking for family and friends, attending her rose garden, following the stock market and the Houston Astros. A highlight of watching the Astros was making a clean catch of a foul ball in her seventies.

She is survived by her husband Bill Birdwell, her daughter Deborah Beech of Laguna Niguel, CA, son Robert Birdwell (Kimberly) of Dripping Springs, TX and

her grandchildren Michael Beech of St. Paul, MN, Darren Beech of Denver, CO, Patrick Birdwell of Chicago, IL, Curran Birdwell of Des Moines, IA and Kiera "Charlie" Birdwell of Austin, TX.

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear this.

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**Patricia McCarl** - January 11, 2023 at 04:18 PM

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*Willie has been a longtime favorite of our friends and Neighbors. Her cooking and especially her blackberry pies were exceptional. She was a tender soul and very respectful and considerate of others. We mourn her passing. She will be missed. Our sincere condolences to Bill and the family. Bernie & Judy Brezina.*

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**Bernie Brezina** - January 18, 2023 at 02:42 PM