



Betty Jean Brisson-Kleppe

April 5, 1934 - July 3, 2023

Obituary for Betty Jean Brisson-Kleppe 7-3-23

Betty Jean Brisson-Kleppe was born in Sanford, Fla. on April 5, 1934, at the old Fernald-Laughton Memorial Hospital. Her parents were R. Gordon and Jessie Brisson, both deceased.

She attended local schools until her high school years when she chose to attend Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, Fla. Being a Christian school, she gained many valuable experiences there and made lifelong friends.

Her college years were spent at Southern Adventist University, Collegedale TN, where she met her future husband, Bob McKee. Married in 1955 and moved to Tampa where they lived until just before their first child Lynne, was born in 1957 when they were living in Sanford. Jeff, their second child was born in 1959 followed by Sandra in 1960. The children enjoyed growing up in Sanford and had many memorable experiences during those formative years. Jeff and Sandy went on to graduate from University of Florida while Lynne began her interesting pathway in the field of Interior Design.

She met Tom Kleppe through friends and they had their first blind date at the tennis courts. They both shared a passion for tennis and soon felt the common thread of interest between them. They were married on July 7, 1979 and enjoyed 32 years until Tom's passing in 2011. During those years they enjoyed extensive travel experiences to many interesting destinations.

Betty enjoyed many different interests during her lifetime including oil painting, playing the organ and piano, travel, reading and gardening. She especially

loved being a member of the Sunshine Garden Club of Tuscowilla and working in her beloved little home garden. She always considered her quiet times in gardening as good therapy.

Her priorities were God and her faith, her family and caring for others whenever they needed help. She was always happiest whenever she was surrounded by her loving family. When she and Tom married, she felt blessed by the addition of her stepchildren who immediately became her own.

Certainly a life well lived!

Surviving Family Members: Daughter Lynne McKee-Rush and her husband Brian Rush of Sanford FL. Son Jeffrey McKee and wife Liza sons Austin and Miles, Delray Beach Fl. Daughter Sandy Anderson and husband Bob and granddaughter, Jessica Lynne of Hoover, Al. Brother Bob Brisson, wife Marilyn of Palm

Harbor, FL, niece Susie Brisson-Magee and husband Jerry of Winter Park, Fl, and former husband Bob McKee of Sanford.

Stepchildren: Dr. Kristin Kleppe, husband Joseph and daughter Natalie, Ladera Ranch, CA. Mitch Kleppe and wife Rena of Boca Raton, Fl. Sons Tommy, Hendersonville, NC Erik, Ally of Boca Raton Fl. Lisa Esola, husband Pat, daughter Allie Jones husband Jesse, children Miley and husband Jesse, children Miley and Gannon. Granddaughter Ariana Sherriff, all from Englewood, CO.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life and Reception

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ I just found out about dear Mrs. Kleppe when her Christmas card was returned. I am so sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Mrs. Kleppe was such a special person. I have so many wonderful memories of her. She was so fun to be around and I will always remember her kind way and beautiful smile. You have my deepest sympathy. Hugs and prayers.

Doria Besse Langenkamp

Doria Besse - December 12, 2023 at 06:10 AM

NS

“ I just learned today that Betty has passed on. I can't begin to tell you how much fun the two of us had working at the BBF. I have so many great memories of our talks! I loved your Mom and I'm so sorry that I did not know she was gone until today. I know how much she loved her family and was so fortunate to have all of your love in return. Nancy Spivey



Nancy Spivey - December 06, 2023 at 04:14 PM

EC

“ Betty always treated me like I was family. I will miss her sweet smile.

Emily Cook - July 14, 2023 at 04:45 PM

RA

“ Robin and Sarah Anderson purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Betty Jean Brisson-Kleppe.



Robin and Sarah Anderson - July 14, 2023 at 04:12 PM

ED

“ Elizabeth D. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Betty Jean Brisson-Kleppe.



Elizabeth D. - July 14, 2023 at 01:00 PM

TF

“ The Lipman Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Betty Jean Brisson-Kleppe.



The Lipman Family - July 13, 2023 at 02:39 PM

SL

“ My condolences to Lynne, Brian, Jeff and Sandy as well as all the family members. She lived a life well loved by friends and family and will be missed. Her wonderful smile is what I will always remember about her.



Sandy Lingle - July 13, 2023 at 08:11 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Brisson-Kleppe.*



July 12, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *"To Lynne, Jeff and Sandy, I cannot begin to tell you how saddened I am to hear of the passing of your beautiful mother. She was my dearest friend, a friendship which lasted over 60 years. She brightened every room she entered and was always so positive. She had such a beautiful soul.*

You are in my thoughts, my heart and my prayers. Wishing you and your family strength and peace. She will be missed every day!

*Love and prayers,
Betty and Paul Lewis"*

Lewis, Paul - July 10, 2023 at 03:54 PM