



## Betty Anne Singleton

August 22, 1935 - April 11, 2025

Betty Anne “Nana” Singleton, born Norvell, passed away peacefully on April 11, 2025, in Houston, Texas, at the age of 89. Her long and meaningful life was marked by devotion to family, steadfast faith, and a remarkable career that spanned decades and touched many lives.

Betty was born on August 22, 1935, in Courtney, Oklahoma, to Danel and Annie Norvell. She graduated from Ringling High School in Ringling, Oklahoma, and went on to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. It was during these formative years that she began cultivating the skills and values that would define her life—diligence, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to those around her.

On May 29, 1954, Betty married Truby Duane Singleton. Their union was one of deep love and partnership that lasted 58 years until Duane’s passing. Together they navigated the unique challenges and joys of military life as Duane served for two decades in the United States Air Force. Betty supported his service not only as a devoted wife but also as a civil servant herself. She worked wherever Duane was stationed, serving with distinction for the Air Force and later with the Forestry Service in Somersworth, New Hampshire. After Duane’s retirement from the Air Force in 1974, the couple settled in Houston. There, Betty continued her professional journey with roles at Cameron Iron Works and later at Champion Forest Baptist Church and Houston Northwest Baptist Church. Known for her exceptional shorthand skills—able to transcribe spoken words as fast as they were uttered—she served

as a secretary, executive assistant, or office manager throughout her career until retiring in 1998.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Betty's greatest joy came from being a mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She embraced this role wholeheartedly—not only to her own children but also to anyone whom she felt called to love and nurture. Her home was a place of warmth and welcome for all who entered.

She is lovingly remembered by her daughter Sherry Cody and husband Mark; sons Chris Singleton and wife Donna, and Steven Singleton and wife Tracy; and by all those whose lives were enriched by her presence. She now joins in rest her beloved husband Duane; parents Danel and Annie Norvell; twin daughters Debra and Glenda Singleton; and grandson Ronald Sampson.

A Celebration of Life will be held on what would have been her 90th birthday. We will gather on Saturday, August 23, 2025 in San Antonio, Texas. If you are able to join us, please send an email to [cody5756@gmail.com](mailto:cody5756@gmail.com) for details.

The family appreciates your support and requests that any floral tributes be replaced with donations to Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation, <https://oif.org/>. This is in honor of her Great-Grandson, Evan Mancía who was born and continues to live with this disease.

Betty Anne “Nana” Singleton leaves behind a legacy of grace through service—both professional and personal—and an enduring example of love lived out daily. May her memory bring comfort to those who knew her.

# Tribute Wall



“ *She was a great lady.As good as they get.She helped our family out a lot.Will see her again.*

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**Jc Johnson** - April 18, 2025 at 01:15 PM

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“ *My Aunt Betty was so special to me. She acted as "mother" to me when I lived with her, Duane, Sherry and Chris for a year in Lubbock, Tx. My mother was ill and could not care for my sister and me. Even though they had a small house they took me into their home and made me part of their family for a year before I got married. I felt so loved and cared for and there was a bonus. I was privileged to love Sherry and Chris also! Love you Betty, Louise McAnally*

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**Louise McAnally** - April 16, 2025 at 04:56 PM

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“ *I so loved Betty. She went out of her way to encourage me and I so appreciate that. She was such lovely and caring friend and loved everyone she came in contact with, especially loved all her family. I look forward to seeing her in heaven one day. May God comfort each of her family as I know they are missing her so much. Love each of you and praying for you.*

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**Dianna Robinson** - April 16, 2025 at 02:48 PM