



Mrs. Betty Ruth (Arnold) Kappen

January 8, 1931 - October 15, 2021

Mrs. Betty Ruth (Arnold) Kappen, 90, of Kilgore, passed away on October 15, 2021, at Arabella of Kilgore. She was born January 8, 1931, in Van, Texas, to Claude and Mattie Vera Arnold.

Betty was such a "people" person! For many years, she worked as a caregiver in nursing homes, then as a private sitter, and most recently, as a compassionate, loving, patient friend to many at Arabella of Kilgore. She would often say, "There are several old folks here at Arabella, and I need to help take care of them" (never considering that she was one of those "old folks"). So she'd stop and visit with her "favorites" before and after - and sometimes in the middle of - meal times in the dining room. And then there's walking back to her room and chatting with whomever she might see in the hallway.

Those hallway walks seemed to get longer and longer every time. But that was Betty - always worrying about one, checking on another, asking about those who were sick or someone that she realized she hadn't seen in a day or two.

She loved living at Arabella of Kilgore. They provide such a loving, safe, and friendly environment. To all of the wonderful staff, the family says, "thank you." Thank you for loving our mom as if she were your own. She knew that she

was loved, and that made her feel safe and secure. We appreciate you more than words can express.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Mattie Vera Arnold; her sisters, Clauda Vee Sprayberry and Dorothy Williams; her brother, Charles Arnold; and her husband, William Eugene "Bill" Kappen.

She is survived by her children, Fred Kappen and wife Cricket of Overton, Texas; Carolyn Hood and her late husband Hooker of Memphis, Tennessee; Debbie Lombardino and husband Claude, of Wentzville, Missouri; Mariann Middleton and husband Gary of Lindale, Texas; Jeannie Brandl and husband Mike of Kilgore, Texas; and Gary Kappen and wife Susan of Henderson, Texas, as well as many precious grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ *I loved this lady. Loved her smile, her laugh, her friendship and her love of life.*

Shellye Abington - August 22, 2022 at 04:11 PM

DC

“ *We are so sorry for your loss of your loved one.
Our deepest sympathies, David and Kathy Chapman*



David & Kathy Chapman - October 19, 2021 at 12:14 AM

DG

“ *David Gleason lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Ruth (Arnold) Kappen*



David Gleason - October 18, 2021 at 06:22 PM

JA

“ *One of the sweetest ladies I have ever known. Betty was just a precious loving, kind person. I'm sad that I was have not able to see her these last years, but I never forgot her.....nor will I.*

Rest in peace sweet Lady.

Janie Roberts

Janie - October 18, 2021 at 12:54 PM

SI

“ *Sandy Inscore*



Sandy Inscore - October 18, 2021 at 11:00 AM

VB

“ *Vicki Bridges lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Ruth (Arnold) Kappen*



Vicki Bridges - October 18, 2021 at 08:01 AM

EF

“ *Elizabeth Fulton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Ruth (Arnold) Kappen*



Elizabeth Fulton - October 17, 2021 at 10:20 PM

RR

My old friend Gary what beautiful tribute may she rest in peace. Ray Robinson Louisville ky

Ray Robinson - October 18, 2021 at 06:24 AM

FK

“ *Sending prayers to the whole Family! From this side of the family!*

Frank E Kappen - October 17, 2021 at 09:48 PM

CC

“ *Connie Cagle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Ruth (Arnold) Kappen*



Connie Cagle - October 17, 2021 at 08:36 PM

DK

“ *David & Dianna Kelley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Betty Ruth (Arnold) Kappen*



David & Dianna Kelley - October 17, 2021 at 08:04 PM

MP

“ *Melanie Patrey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Ruth (Arnold) Kappen*



Melanie Patrey - October 17, 2021 at 06:39 PM

HC

“ *Holly Compton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Ruth (Arnold) Kappen*



Holly Compton - October 17, 2021 at 06:11 PM

SH

“ Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Ruth (Arnold) Kappen



Sue Henderson - October 17, 2021 at 01:49 PM

PK

“ Pj And Pat Keen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Ruth (Arnold) Kappen



Pj and pat keen - October 17, 2021 at 12:35 PM

Judy Saunders

“ Judy Saunders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Ruth (Arnold) Kappen



Judy Saunders - October 17, 2021 at 11:55 AM

JS

“ Judy Saunders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Ruth (Arnold) Kappen



Judy Saunders - October 17, 2021 at 11:52 AM

KB

“ Karen Baumann lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Ruth (Arnold) Kappen



Karen Baumann - October 17, 2021 at 10:38 AM

PP

“ Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Ruth (Arnold) Kappen



pud patterson - October 17, 2021 at 08:38 AM

GW

“ Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Ruth (Arnold) Kappen



Gary Wilkerson - October 17, 2021 at 12:46 AM

MC

“ I remember sitting in her kitchen in Louisville KY. Watching her make good ole fashion peanut butter fudge. It was so good and always turned out. She just had that knack when it came to cooking.

Marilynn Kemp Craddock - October 16, 2021 at 11:12 PM

JJ

“ Jason & Susan Jarrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Ruth (Arnold) Kappen



Jason & Susan Jarrell - October 16, 2021 at 08:05 PM

CT

Our Aunt Betty was everything said in the obituary and it made me laugh out loud when reading it. I can just here her calling people honey and smiling the whole time. She was with my mother her sister Dorothy when she transitioned out of hospice and was such a comfort with compassion like no other. She was one of a kind and we loved her so much!

Candy Jetton Tutt - October 17, 2021 at 06:00 PM