



Betty Ann Collier

June 30, 1928 - April 6, 2025

Betty Ann Collier passed away peacefully on April 6, 2025, at the age of 96. Born to Troy and Mary Lewis on June 30, 1928, she was raised in the small town of Krebs, Oklahoma. After high school, she married John T. Collier, Jr. on August 18, 1950. They had a daughter, Debra Kay, and a son, John T. Collier, III.

Since John was in the Marine Corps, they had several homes over the years from South Carolina to San Diego to the Philippines, and Iowa. John retired in 1963, and the family moved to Oceanside, California.

There Betty began working for the Oceanside School District as a school secretary and later for the District Office.

Betty and John divorced in 1985, and she later retired to begin a new life filled with travel, family, and casino trips. She took up line dancing and the hula and even participated in groups that went all over the county to put on shows. She had found her calling...on the stage.

Known for her love of dressing up and wearing bling, she acquired quite a collection of costumes over the years. Her favorite one was to dress up like Dolly Parton, and she could pull it off. In a world of Jolene's, she chose to be a Dolly.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, 6 grandchildren and their spouses, and 2 great grandchildren.

Tribute Wall

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“*Dearest Debbie and family. I was so sorry to hear about Cousin Betty's passing. She was so dear to me and to my late Mother. She was the last connection to my Mother and Aunt Margaret and the Ghigo family. Along with Aunt Margaret, Mother, and Mary Katherine (her sister), they were the only Ghigo cousins. However, they left ten second cousins. I am so glad she came to take care of the Ghigo graves and brought you with her so that we met. I miss those gatherings with Betty and her Krebs friends. She will be greatly missed; but I know she is having a great reunion with family and friends in Heaven. Love to all of you.*”

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