



## Betty Jean Gaunt-Ferreira

March 26, 1924 - May 6, 2015

Betty Jean Gaunt-Ferreira passed away at her home Wednesday surrounded by her family following a short illness. She was born in Live Oak, CA and lived many years in Albany before moving to Rodeo 10 years ago. She was a homemaker and clerical worker for ETS in Berkeley.

Betty was an artist in her spare time. She loved to paint, do needlework and watercolors before finally settling on acrylic painting. She loved to travel, especially cruising and enjoyed spending time with her family in the home she and her husband built in Rodeo.

Betty is survived by her husband George Ferreira; sons Conrad (Leslie) Gaunt, David (Donna Seslar) Gaunt, Larry (Michelle) Gaunt and Bill Gaunt, step-daughter Nancy (Rick) Maia, and stepsons Mark (Ellie) Ferreira and David Ferreira, 14 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Elton Gaunt, her sister Mary Beckhusen and her granddaughter Sharon Gaunt Kinsfather.

A Celebration of her Life will be held on a date to be determined in June. Family prefers donations in her name be made to UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Jean Gaunt-Ferreira*

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November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *I was very fortunate to have Betty as my Mother-in-Law for 30 years. At first she was Betty, but it quickly became "Mom" and stayed Mom from then on. She taught this young bride how to cook, bake, and camp. When our two daughters were born, she taught me how to sew for them. We talked, laughed, and occasionally cried together. I loved her and will miss her and her letters so much.*

*Cathy Gaunt Thornton*

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**Cathy Thornton** - May 21, 2015 at 02:22 PM

DG

“ This kind of sums it up for me.

*Death is nothing at all. It does not count. I have only slipped away into the next room. Nothing has happened. Everything remains exactly as it was. I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other that we are still. Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is absolute and unbroken continuity. What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for an interval, some where very near, just round the corner. All is well.*

- Henry Scott Holland

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**David Gaunt** - May 19, 2015 at 11:19 PM

DS

*Lovely sentiments. Betty would have loved this piece too.*

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**Donna Seslar** - May 31, 2015 at 01:40 PM

DG

“ *David Gaunt lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Gaunt-Ferreira*



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**David Gaunt** - May 19, 2015 at 11:02 PM

DG

“ I found the following poem in mom's desk. She this shared with all of her friends and loved ones after her passing.

*"I'm Free" - author unknown  
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I found that place at the close of day.*

*If my passing has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all to brief;  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

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David Gaunt - May 14, 2015 at 01:51 PM

Denise  
Valdivia

“ I worked with Betty for many years, and knew her since childhood. We spent the slow summer months at ETS doing countless crossword puzzles and playing word games. Betty was always in a good mood and easy to laugh. And boy! Did she have a great laugh! I can still hear it. Always immaculately dressed, a smile on her face, and sparkle in her eyes. She will be missed.

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**Denise Valdivia** - May 13, 2015 at 10:54 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Conrad** - May 12, 2015 at 07:26 PM

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**Conrad** - May 12, 2015 at 07:25 PM

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**Conrad** - May 12, 2015 at 07:23 PM

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**Conrad** - May 12, 2015 at 07:23 PM

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**Conrad** - May 12, 2015 at 07:14 PM

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**Conrad** - May 12, 2015 at 07:03 PM

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**David Gaunt** - May 11, 2015 at 10:24 PM

FJ

“ *TO THE FERREIRA, OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL OF YOUR FAMILY, SHE WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL PERSON. BETTY WILL BE MISSED. MIKE AND FRAN JADRYEV*

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**FRAN JADRYEV** - May 10, 2015 at 11:49 AM

JC

“ So sad to hear about Betty passing away...She was a great friend of my mom & dad,Freda &red. I remember,one yr.we all pulled into my dads van and went to the Guants,singing Christmas Carole's all the way,this yr.st. patties day, I looked for Betty & George at Brennan's,but sadly they weren't there,The whole gang would always go to Brennan's on st.patricks day, noe's,the demanicors,Marg still remember what a beautiful gift I received from Betty at my wedding shower 54 years ago,when I think about it,I guess I have known Betty for at least 60 years.Betty was a real lady,and my husband Kent and our sons will remember her always,and the fun times we had at Freda &Reds.

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jan cabral - May 10, 2015 at 11:43 AM

DG

Thanks Jan for the memories and nice words. Red and Frieda were great friends of Elton and Betty. We miss them all.  
David Gaunt

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David Gaunt - May 11, 2015 at 03:28 PM

CO

A beautiful lady, a wonderful mother, and a loving family. Ninety good years and six months of declining health...you can't ask for more than that.

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Conrad - May 12, 2015 at 07:02 PM

PH

The Reno Halliwells extend their condolences to the Gaunt family. We were privileged to know Betty. She was a warm and loving woman. I remember her fondly with a smile on her face and twinkling eyes. Betty will be missed.  
Pat Halliwell and family

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pat halliwell - May 13, 2015 at 10:05 AM

GD

*A total woman, with a lovely smile and a great laugh. I am fortunate to have the wonderful memories. That group definitely knew how to have a good time!*

**Gayle Davis** - May 13, 2015 at 08:55 PM

TM

*My earliest memory of Betty include our holidays at the cabin in Tahoe in the snow. Trapper and Betty would always join in on the fun, skits and pranks. When I grew up, I joined her at ETS. When she brought George to met my parents, I knew she had found a gem of a gentleman. What a great life she had. Love to all of the family..-Teri (Felix) McDonald*

**Teri McDonald** - May 14, 2015 at 09:45 AM