



Betty Sue Coburn

April 25, 1925 - April 11, 2015

Betty Sue Wathen Coburn passed away Saturday, April 11, 2015. Memorial service: 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 27, at The Woman's Club of Fort Worth, 1316 Pennsylvania Ave., in Shelton Hall. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The Historical Preservation Trust, care of The Woman's Club of Fort Worth, 1316 Pennsylvania Ave., Fort Worth, Texas 76104. Sue was born in Dallas on April 25, 1925, to Proctor Knott and Cleo Wathen. She lived most of her life in Fort Worth and was married to the love of her life, Jim Coburn. They raised three children and were blessed with five grandchildren, becoming a great-grandmother in November. Grandchildren called her Bachan, Japanese for grandmother, a tribute to the mother of a longtime friend. Sue attended Alice Carlson Elementary where she met another lifelong friend, Betty Winton Fay. They were co-generals in the first club she formed with Betty, the Secret Ghost Service. Their club stories are epic! Sue attended McLean Junior High and Paschal High School. She attended Baylor University and Texas Christian University. Sue met Jim during World War II and married in 1946. She was a member of numerous clubs and organizations: the D.A.R., The Junior Woman's Club and later The Woman's Club where she enjoyed various groups. Enduring relationships were a large part of her life. Sue began a Tuesday night bridge club in 1955 that continued to meet until only a few years ago. More recently, her Coke and Joke Club and the Birthday Group and other close friends have sustained her with the love that comes from lifelong friendships. Sue relished watching her sons and daughter grow up and particularly loved watching her sons play baseball. She even wrote the lyrics for Southwest High School's alma mater. Becoming a grandmother was a very meaningful part of her life. Matthew, Kelly, Christopher, Richard and Rachel loved her deeply and the newly minted Annabelle certainly would have. Macular degeneration never stopped her from watching her beloved Texas Rangers or working the New York Times crossword, in ink! Sue lived independently until the very last. She had a wonderful life, was loved by all and we are sure she has been reunited with Jim in a much better place. Rest well, Mom. Sue was preceded in death by her husband, Jim, in 2003. Survivors: Son, Jim and wife, Sarah; son, David and wife, Vicki; daughter, Mary and husband, Bruce; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and brother, Bill Wathen and wife, Barbara.