



## Mrs. Patsy Kaufman

January 7, 1937 - June 25, 2024

Patsy (Pat) Lee Kaufman, 87, of Lumberton, Texas, peacefully entered her heavenly home on June 25, 2024, after months of hospice care. Born on January 7, 1937, in Winters, Texas, to Nina and Marvin Bedford, she enjoyed a childhood filled with faith, love, and laughter, surrounded by a large, gregarious extended family. Her best friends were her beloved sisters, Beverly and Kei. During her teens, she was a feature twirler for the Winters Blizzards.

In 1959, Pat married Ken Kaufman. They lived in Abilene for several years before moving to Beaumont in 1973. Pat's professional life as a legal secretary was marked by remarkable skill and dedication. She could type over 120 words per minute on a manual typewriter and was an expert in shorthand. She adapted over the years as technology changed, serving attorneys with distinction for several decades and retiring from Wells Peyton Law Firm.

In 1998, Pat and Ken moved to their dream home in Lumberton and became known to everyone at "Granny". She loved filling her home with antiques and other treasures she found at estate sales. She made everything beautiful. And she loved Christmas! Her home during the holiday season each year was a sight to behold.

In retirement, Pat's love for antiques led her to run a booth at an antique mall in Lumberton. She delighted in finding items to sell at local estate sales,

garage sales, and Goodwill. Always outgoing, she loved talking to people, even strangers, and brought joy to everyone she met. Her family was the center of her world, and she cared for them deeply. Pat was also a wonderful cook, famous for her biscuits and chocolate pies, a family favorite.

Pat also had a child-like love of nature until her last days. She so enjoyed the beauty of wildflowers, tall trees, and the moon. When driving, she would insist on pulling over to pick flowers. And if the moon was especially bright, she would call family members to “go outside and see the moon”!

Pat's selflessness and kindness were evident to all who knew her, and her beautiful smile remained even in her final days. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends, who will cherish memories of her smile, laughter, late-night calls, and delicious pies. And we will think of her every time we look at the moon.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband, Ken.

She is survived by her beloved children Merf (Barbara) Kaufman, Margo (Steve) Drake, and Jo (Mark) Markham; her grandchildren Matthew Kaufman (Jennifer), Curtiss Kaufman (Maria), Jennifer Gilder (Larry), Matt Drake (Megan), Katie Drake (Patrick), Madeline Francis (Sam), and Jake Markham; eight great-grandchildren; and the sisters she loved so dearly, Beverly Awalt and Kei Antilley.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Best Hospice and Millcreek Nursing Home in Silsbee for their compassionate and attentive care of Patsy during her final months. Their kindness and professionalism were a true blessing to the family during this difficult time.

There will be a graveside service in Winters, Texas, at a later date.