



Elizabeth Azar Billeaud

June 17, 1943 - May 21, 2021

Elizabeth Ann Azar Billeaud passed away peacefully at her home in Lafayette Louisiana on May 21, 2021. She was a devoted mother and loving grandmother and a much loved sister and friend.

Betty was a gourmet cook and she loved serving up her special dishes which were always the highlight of many family gatherings through the years. She passed this talent on to her daughter, Elizabeth, who wrote a cookbook sharing her mother's special treats with the family.

Betty attended Mt. Carmel School and graduated from the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grand Coteau where she received a blue ribbon in recognition of her spiritual and academic excellence and for her leadership among her fellow students. She loved her art classes at Coteau and carried that love throughout her life. During her senior year in high school Betty was Queen Berengaria in the Order of The Troubadours Carnival Ball and was presented at the Louisiana State Mardi Gras Ball in Washington, DC. Betty was a devout Catholic and always went to Mass at St. John Cathedral. She was married to C. B. (Benny) Billeaud and had two children, Elizabeth and Neil.

Her love of art and music was nurtured at Newcomb College of Tulane University and she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History and Classical Studies. She was the family's source of answers to any question on history, art, classical music and old time movies. After college she lived in Lafayette and was active in many civic and charitable organizations, including Junior League of Lafayette, Southwest Louisiana Mardi Gras Association, Newcomb Alumni Association and she was a supporter of the Acadiana Symphony and the Lafayette Concert Band. The Live From the Met performances were always a special event for Betty and she rarely missed a Saturday afternoon opera at Acadiana Center for the Arts.

Betty was a skilled administrator and worked with her brothers in their medical offices for many years. She was devoted to the people they served and had many friends among their patients and her co-workers.

Betty was born in Lafayette, Louisiana on June 17, 1943. She is the daughter of the late Mary Agnes Saloom Azar and Dr. Paul J. Azar, Senior and she is survived by her daughter Elizabeth Michiels Phillips (Patrick) and her granddaughter, Olivia and by her son Neil Billeaud, MD (Heather). Her siblings are Martha Agnes Hiatt (Daniel), Paul J. Azar, Jr., MD (Barbara), John M. Azar, MD. and Rosemary Azar.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial at St. John the Evangelist on Tuesday May 25, 2021 at 10:00 AM. Visitation will be in the Cathedral from 8:30 AM until 10:00 AM. Elizabeth was Baptized, Married and now she will receive her final Blessing in the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist.

Donations may be made to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Building Fund or Cemetery Fund.

View the obituary and guestbook online at <http://www.mourning.com>

Martin & Castille-DOWNTOWN-330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA 70506, 337-234-2311

Cemetery

St. John Mausoleum

914 St. John St.
Lafayette, LA, 70501

Events

MAY **Visitation** 08:30AM - 10:00AM

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Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
515 Cathedral St., Lafayette, LA, US, 70501

MAY **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Martha, Johnny, Rosemary, Buddy, and family, we are all so saddened to hear of Betty's passing. She was a wonderful person and loved by many! Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of grief.

Tommy Michot - May 26 at 12:03 PM



“ One of the hardest times in life is losing a sibling. Our prayers are for your family.
Sincerely,
Adele & Sheldon Blue



Sheldon Blue - May 25 at 03:42 PM



“ Sending my love and sympathy to each of you,
Sylvia Putnam

Sylvia Putnam - May 24 at 10:51 PM



“ Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Azar Billeaud.



May 24 at 10:12 AM



“ I am sincerely saddened to learn of Betty’s passing and wish to send my deepest condolences to Rosemary, Buddy, Martha & Johnny. It has been many years since I have seen any of you but I still hold many fond memories of you and your parents. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers. May she rest in God’s most loving peace.

Kiki Jackie LeBlanc Truitt.



Jackie LeBlanc Truitt - May 24 at 01:00 AM



“ I just learned of Betty’s passing. I knew she had been ill for awhile but thought she was better and I am stunned that she was not. We have been neighbors for many years and frineds since we were both at Grand Coteau. I am profoundly sorry and send my deepest condolences to all of her siblings. I will miss knowing that she is next door.

Vaughan Burdin Simpson



Vaughan Simpson - May 23 at 01:06 PM



“ Betty was a beautiful woman, a kind friend and cousin that I always admired. She was so helpful in proof-reading my English papers while I was at USL. That act of kindness will always be remembered. I pray for her siblings and family.

russell j saloom md - May 23 at 01:05 PM



“ My deepest and most sincere condolences to the family and all who knew and loved Betty. May she rest in eternal peace.

Mona Fitzgerald Stephan - May 23 at 10:15 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Azar Billeaud.



May 22 at 07:51 PM