

## Bette Kleitches 1937-2023



Bette was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania in 1937 to James and Helen Daniels. Bette met her one true love and soul mate, Edward Kleitches, when she was 16



years old. They dated for six years before marrying in April 1959. They enjoyed sixty-four wonderful years of marriage and raised three children: Debbie, James, and Natalie. She was an Air Force wife who had her own career starting as a clerk at USF&G Insurance, working her way up the ranks to Supervising Underwriter by the time she retired. Bette was an animal lover, spoiling her three dogs (Tiny, Princess, and Calvin), cat (Tinker), and bird

(Little John) during her lifetime. After she retired, Bette spent her time supporting multiple charities, doing work with Meals on Wheels and volunteering at local Hospitals. She enjoyed crafts, especially crocheting. She used her love of crocheting to support Threads of Love; crocheting blankets and beanies for premature babies, and to support Stitch-n-Time through her local church; crocheting hats and scarves for Under the Bridge Project to keep the local homeless population warm during the winter. She was a member of the Oak Hills Presbyterian Church for over 20 years and supported the church each year during their annual garage sale.

Bette was, and will forever be, the heart and soul of her family. She was a cherished wife, the best mother, and a wonderful friend to everyone she met. To know Bette was to love her. She was a smart, strong, funny, and independent woman with a truly loving heart. Her loved ones are devastated; she has left a huge hole in our hearts that will never truly go away.

Bette is survived by her husband Edward Kleitches, her children: Debbie Hartley and husband Michael, James Kleitches and partner Les Nini, Natalie Reed and husband Douglas; her grandchildren Garrett and Kendall; her brother Jack Daniels and sisters Linda Gianokos and Toni Wainwright. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and her well-loved grandpets: Zack, Sam, Hershey, Rusty, Piper and Jet.

Bette was predeceased by her parents, James and Helen Daniels, her brothers James Jr. and David, and her sisters Jane, Phyllis and Alice.

Visitation Services will be held May 22, 2023 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Funeral Caring USA, 2621 Mossrock, San Antonio, TX 78230. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to God's Dogs Rescue ([godsdogsrescue.org](http://godsdogsrescue.org)) in her name.

A private Inurnment will be held at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery for her family.

