



## Elizabeth Anna Ontko

September 9, 2007

DALLAS, TX -- Elizabeth ("Betsy") Anna Main Greer Ontko, 75, died peacefully in her home on Sunday, September 9th. Betsy had been battling cancer and multiple health problems for many years, a painful fight she fought with grace and an upbeat outlook. She would often reflect on the wonderful life she lived and give thanks for her countless blessings.

Betsy, an only child, the daughter of Russell and Bertha Main (both deceased), was born in Tiffin, OH on December 13, 1931. She was raised in Upper Sandusky, OH, but spent most of her adult life in Florida. In 1955, she married the father of her 3 girls, Daniel Kenneth Greer (deceased 1972), and they lived sixteen years in Tampa, FL. In 1977 she remarried Ramon "Sonny" Ontko, and they lived in Florida until 1991. Betsy and Sonny also retained a family residence on Catawba Island, OH, spent 4 years in Nashville, TN and finally settled in Dallas, TX.

She attended Dennison University, the University of Mexico, Mexico City and graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in Biology. She later obtained her teaching certificate, specializing in Early Childhood Development.

Betsy was an accomplished, loving teacher who worked for 20 years with young children in the Head Start program. Her joy in teaching and dedication to her students was apparent to all who knew her. She was a great role-model, encourager, and inspiration to her children and grandchildren, and always insisted on treating others fairly and compassionately.

Betsy grew up attending church, but it was at the sweet age of 70 that she gave her life to the Lord. She was active in the community for many years as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, numerous garden clubs, and was certified in life-saving as an accomplished swimmer. She was an excellent mother and teacher and a superb cook. She had a joy for life that always shown through in her excellent sense of humor. She also loved animals and was an avid flower gardener.

She is survived by her beloved husband Ramon "Sonny" Ontko, her three dearly loved girls, Misty Puls of Dallas, TX, Jennifer Robinson of Hillham, TN and Suzette Greer (Inman) of Franklin, TN, nine greatly adored grandchildren: Sean Puls, Lauren, Vance, Audrey, Davis and Bailey Anne Robinson and Elise, Sarah and Anna Grace Inman, as well as her faithful caretaker, Sandra and numerous dear friends. She will be greatly missed by all.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday Sept. 15, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the Bringman-Clark

Funeral Home with Rev. Wayne Geissinger officiating. Burial will take place at the Oak Hill Cemetery, Upper Sandusky. Friends may call at the funeral home from 9-11:00 on Sat. before the services. Memorials may be made to John Stewart United Methodist Church, Upper Sandusky Community Library, American Cancer Society or Diabetes Foundation in care of Bringman-Clark Funeral Home 226 E. Wyandot Ave. Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

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“ Please accept my sincerest sympathies on Betsy's passing. She was a wonderful mother and a true lady. I will miss her great sense of humor, and her devotion to her daughter, and my closest friend, Misty. Besty loved all her daughters and her grandchildren so very much. She will not be forgotten...##imported-begin##Gale Marks Wright##imported-end##

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