



Beverly Kay Speece

June 24, 1938 - September 29, 2023

Beverly K. Speece (McTeer, de la Bretonne) passed away on September 29, 2023, due to

complications from Alzheimer's.

"Bev" was born June 24, 1938, in Springfield, Missouri, to Rev. William and Gladys McTeer. In

1957, she moved with her family to San Diego, CA, where she met and, in 1958, married Chuck

de la Bretonne. In 1959, she gave birth to her only child, David "Mark" de la Bretonne.

Bev was an extraordinarily gifted pianist. At the age of fourteen, she won a national talent search

competition conducted by the famous bandleader Horace Heidt. His nationally broadcast show

was the equivalent of today's American Idol. She would go on to use her God-given talent for

the Lord as one of the top Southern Gospel pianists of her era. For over fifteen years, she played

with the Jubilaires Quartet and shared the stage with quartets such as the Imperials, Blackwood

Brothers, The Stamps, and The Oak Ridge Boys, just to name a few. She was the "house" pianist

on the Gene French TV show and had several dozen recording credits to her

name.

In 1973, Bev married Don Speece.

Bev was preceded in death by her first husband, Chuck de la Bretonne, and her second husband

Don Speece. She is survived by her only son, Mark de la Bretonne and wife, Deanna; two step-

grandsons: Todd Frazier and wife, Tammy, and their three children, Bailey, Ellie, and Travis, all

of Yorba Linda, CA; and David Frazier and wife, Megan, and their children, Cadence, Blake,

and Hadlee all of Miami, OK. Additionally, Bev is survived by three stepchildren: Teri (de la

Bretonne) Cordova, Jim Speece, and Daneen Speece. A fourth stepchild, Dan Speece, preceded

her in death.

'In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to Alzheimer's." The URL is act.alz.org/goto/Beverly_Speece

Cemetery Details

Memory Garden Memorial Park

455 W. Central Avenue
Brea, CA 92821

Previous Events

Service

OCT 13. 10:00 AM (PT)

Eastside Community Christian Church
3330 E. Miraloma Ave
Anaheim., CA