

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR AT TREEMONT



We make new friends throughout our lives, and new resident Betty Terry is adjusting to a whole new way of life as well. Upon seeing her glowing smile and meeting her, one would never guess the disastrous ordeal she has recently been through. She already has the Christmas spirit, with her walker decorated with red and green décor; and her warm, merry personality is inviting and memorable.

Betty came through hurricane Harvey after being rescued, and spent 3 days at the George R. Brown Center before her daughter discovered where she was. She then spent a month with her granddaughter in Kingwood before her daughter found the Treemont to be her new residence. Even though her new apartment here is very small and she has always been a homeowner, she says she plans to stay here and make the Treemont her new home.

Betty and her (third) husband Art moved into their home in Bellaire in 1968. The house was built in 1948 on circular Pamella Dr. off Bellaire/Bissonnett and 610. It flooded 3 times and was insured. Each time the couple tried to avoid flooding by installing new drains and raising the house; but this time the house is completed unsalvageable. Art passed away in 2000, leaving Betty a widow with her two daughters (Dana and Rhonda, now seniors themselves), Art's two

children and plenty of grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. Betty had an immaculate garden, including a lemon tree, cactus dish gardens and poinsettias for Christmas gifts. She loved walking in the neighborhood and was famous in Bellaire for her garage sales. At one time she and Art wanted to open a booth at a flea market; she and Art's spacious home was decorated with green glass, antique balls and items they collected over the years.

Art passed away from edema carcinoma of the spine at the age of 64. He had wanted to retire at 65 and travel with Betty, who had left her job at the Houston Post (where they met) when they married. Art had 2 children and Betty had 2 also: a daughter Dana, now 65, and daughter Rhonda, now 63. Betty was 17 when she got married the first time and had Dana, and 19 when she had Rhonda. (Betty's father had to sign for her marriage at 17). This was the end of her childbearing and her first marriage. She did marry again for 6 years before she met Art. She stayed with Art 27 years until he passed. Betty helped care for Art, as well as other family and friends. She likes the Treemont, and said, " I want my family to travel, enjoy themselves and enjoy their lives."

Betty and her family have a friendly, energetic, giving spirit. Rhonda's husband, Ralph Hull, recently donated the organ that is now in the auditorium. Betty is energetically walking the Treemont grounds and indoors for exercise as well as socializing with others. She said she is eager to know more about activities here, but right now she is still getting oriented, unpacking and organizing her life. That has not stopped her from celebrating the holidays – Betty definitely has the joy of the season and is a joy to get to know!

(Also, please note: Betty has a great recipe for Spicy Summer Sausage that can be made with beef or venison – if you are interested, please ask her)