



## Beatrice Elizabeth "Betsy" O'Dell

November 20, 1950 - June 28, 2016

Beatrice Elizabeth "Betsy" O'Dell (November 20, 1950-June 28, 2016). An angel and life line to many on earth is now in her heavenly home with friends and loved ones gone on before.

Betsy passed from this world in God's loving arms while sleeping early Tuesday morning, June 28, 2016. Born in Richwood, West Virginia she moved with family to relocate in Virginia in the late 1950's. She later married her loving husband, Ted O'Dell on October 6, 1973. They settled in Nokesville, VA to live and raise their family.

Betsy's love for children showed in her many years of work and service with Prince William County Public Schools Special Education System, followed by her working as the director of Matthew's Center, as well as serving as a parent advocate. Her love was seen in her work with everyone she met.

Betsy was preceded in death by her father, Eugene Lipps, mother Romaine Lipps, father-in-law Calvin O'Dell, mother-in-law Norma O'Dell, son-in-law Brian Powell and niece Shawn Burnette and many close friends and extended family.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Ted O'Dell, daughter Marty Powell, two sons Calvin O'Dell and wife Laura and "JR" Robert Ference and

wife Ally; granddaughters Abbie Powell, Symphony Smith, Rylee Ference, Shelby Ference, Codie Burnette and Morgan Burnette; two grandsons Kibirige and Lutwama O'Dell. Betsy is also survived by 2 sisters Brenda Knowles and husband Ken and Bonnie Lipps; one brother Bucky Lipps and wife Barbara, 5 step grandchildren, 5 step great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and beloved friends from all areas of life.

Betsy's dream was to spend time with her children and grandchildren as much as she could. She always knew her faith in God and absolute love for everyone she met would hold her strong on this earth. She was an amazing woman to all and will be missed until we see her again someday.

The family will receive friends at Pierce Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA on Friday, July 1, 2016 from 7-9 PM and on Saturday, July 2, 2016 from 1:30 PM until 3:00 PM at which time funeral services will then be conducted. Interment at 2:00 PM on Sunday, July 3, 2016 at Wallace Memorial Cemetery in Clintonville, West Virginia.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest donations be made to either Matthew's Center or to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital.

# Cemetery Details

## Wallace Memorial Cemetery

Rt. 60  
Crawly, WV 24931  
wallacememorial@yahoo.com  
<http://wallacememorialcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 1.** 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Visitation

**JUL 2.** 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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JUL 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LD

“ *Linda Howell Daniels lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Elizabeth "Betsy" O'Dell*



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**linda howell daniels** - July 21, 2016 at 12:27 PM

ST

“ *We are so sorry to hear about the loss of our wonderful friend. Our love to you now in your time of sorrow and always. God Bless. Shannan, Dereck, Hunter, Fisher Thorpe*

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**Shannan Thorpe** - July 19, 2016 at 05:35 AM

JB

“ *Tears of sorrow, tears of joy...sadness that I missed talking to Betsy when she was at our office last month. Sadness that Betsy has left this world with so many people who will miss her dearly... I'm so sorry for your loss.*

*Yet blessings beyond compare knowing that Betsy is in heaven with our Heavenly Father!*

*Well done, Betsy, good and faithful servant. Rest in peace+*

*Amen+*

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**Jill Bernstein** - July 03, 2016 at 07:54 PM

PB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Betsy's passing. She was such a sweet woman and an amazing advocate for children. She was an outstanding educational leader in PWCS and an exemplary role model for all. Although I was at the high school level, I always enjoyed the opportunities that I had to work with her in staff development activities. My prayers and thoughts ere extended to her family and friends. Pam White Brown; Principal ,(Ret.), WSHS.

Pam Brown - July 02, 2016 at 06:40 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Beatrice Elizabeth "Betsy" O'Dell.



July 01, 2016 at 06:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Beatrice Elizabeth "Betsy" O'Dell.



July 01, 2016 at 12:07 PM

TF

“ Trout Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Beatrice Elizabeth "Betsy" O'Dell.



Trout Family - July 01, 2016 at 10:24 AM

KD

“ *Betsy and I were in the same Leadership Prince William class. Her loving heart shown throughout our time together and I am very sorry for the loss of such a wonderful soul. My deepest sympathies to her family.* ”

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**Kim Deal** - July 01, 2016 at 07:37 AM

PM

“ *Phoebe, Kevin and Pat McCravy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Beatrice Elizabeth "Betsy" O'Dell.* ”



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**Phoebe, Kevin and Pat McCravy** - June 30, 2016 at 06:42 PM

PM

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. She was a life line to us when our daughter, Phoebe, started at Matthew's Center. She touched many and gave so much of herself. We are very thankful to have met such a wonderful, caring person.* ”

*Phoebe, Kevin and Pat McCravy*

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**Patricia McCravy** - June 30, 2016 at 05:52 PM

DS

“ *Betsy was a special beautiful angel. She touched the lives of many in the special needs community and their families and she will be missed by all. She will be missed by all at the Matthew's Center* ”



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**Denise Summers** - June 30, 2016 at 01:34 PM

DF

“ *Debbie and Dave Baumann (Kearnes) and our family, purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Beatrice Elizabeth "Betsy" O'Dell.*



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**Debbie and Dave Baumann (Kearnes) and our family**, - June 30, 2016 at 01:28 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Beatrice Elizabeth "Betsy" O'Dell.*



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June 30, 2016 at 11:56 AM

TP

“ *Betsy- your love of students and adults with special needs surpasses all. Thank you for always being there to guide and mentor.... you will be missed. I will look after your angels on earth - Marty, Abby, Calvin, his kids, and other family members. Rest in peace friend. You will be missed.*

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**Theresa Polk** - June 30, 2016 at 11:44 AM

BH

“ *My sincere sympathy to all of Betsy's family. Betsy was a wonderful person ,  
Barbara and Robert Herndon*

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**Barbara Herndon** - June 30, 2016 at 10:22 AM

WT

“ With love, Kimberli and Trevor purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Beatrice Elizabeth "Betsy" O'Dell.



With love, Kimberli and Trevor - June 30, 2016 at 09:46 AM



“ Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Beatrice Elizabeth "Betsy" O'Dell.



June 30, 2016 at 09:36 AM

AC

“ Aunt Ann O'Dell Bailard, Linda and Keeler Chapman purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Beatrice Elizabeth "Betsy" O'Dell.



Aunt Ann O'Dell Bailard, Linda and Keeler Chapman - June 30, 2016 at 08:31 AM

DB

“ My condolences to the O'Dell family. I didn't know her, but I worked with Ted at Stonewall Jackson High School, and her son Calvin did a masterful job replacing the siding on my home. I am sure she was a wonderful person, having dedicated her life to children with special needs.

Dave Button - June 30, 2016 at 07:50 AM

JR

“ *Jeanette Rishell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Beatrice Elizabeth "Betsy" O'Dell.*



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**Jeanette Rishell** - June 29, 2016 at 10:39 PM

 Connie Moser

“ *I am so sorry to learn of Betsy's passing. She was a wonderful woman, so kind and caring. We were classmates at Leadership Prince William in 2012.*

*My condolences to all who knew and loved this gentle, thoughtful woman.*

*Connie*

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**Connie Moser** - June 29, 2016 at 08:46 PM

A.

“ *My sincerest sympathy to the family in the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort in knowing God is close to those broken at heart ( Psalm 34:18); and in fond memories shared with family and friends.*

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**A.H.** - June 29, 2016 at 07:54 PM

TS

*The Stanley Family sending prayer to Mrs.O'Dell Family*

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**Theresa Stanley** - July 01, 2016 at 03:42 PM