



## Betty Jane Howard

August 11, 1931 - December 21, 2023

Betty Jane Nichols Howard of Manassas, VA died on Thursday, December 21, 2023. She was born on August 11, 1931 in Alexandria, VA, daughter of the late Forrest H. Nichols and Jennie O. (Cook) Nichols.

She was a Circuit Court Clerk for Prince William County by profession. She was a compassionate, loving and kind wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Wesley Wright Howard. Survivors include four children Sherry Howard, Randall Howard, Marcia Howard Pearson and husband Gary and Forrest Howard; five grandchildren Brian, Jennie, Joel, Meghan and Ben and 13 great grandchildren Corey, Jordan, Ella, Job, Caden, Ethan, Sawyer, Luke, Lenox, Wesley, Averly, Gentry and Myles.

A private funeral service will be held on Wednesday December 27, 2023 at Pierce Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA from 10:30 until 11:30 AM with brother Paul Garner officiating. Interment will follow at Stonewall Memory Gardens in Manassas

# Cemetery Details

## Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway  
Manassas, VA 20109  
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

# Previous Events

## Private Service

DEC 27. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Betty Jane Howard*



**Pierce Funeral Home** - December 27, 2023 at 09:35 AM

SN

*Betty was a co-worker with me at the courthouse in Manassas. She was a joy and we laughed a lot. We always spoke to each no matter where we were. The conversation would erupt in crazy laughter as we reminisced about work stuff. I still use a lot of the sayings she would say. I worked with her daughter Sherry too. Prayers of comfort going out and up for the family of this beloved lady.(((HUGS)))*

**Sharon Nadeau** - December 27, 2023 at 04:09 PM

MC

“ *My dear friend Betty was my neighbor for 20 years. We saw the neighborhood change throughout those decades and we were like old fixtures that didn't change. But eventually I needed to move and lost touch with her. We were so close, I often think of her. She and I would walk on the neighborhood watch back in the late 90's. We would sit out front and gossip about whatever needed to be gossiped about! She would watch my kids when I was unable to get to the afternoon bus stop. She had so many dolls that my girls felt comfortable in her house. It was also very maintained and I would be impressed at her housekeeping. I loved her. So much laughter was shared with my time with her spent in those townhouses. Times I will always cherish. RIP my beautiful friend.*

**Mark Casey** - June 12, 2025 at 07:12 AM

SH

“ Betty J Nichols Howard was an amazing, wonderful lady, wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was compassionate, loving, kind and always caring and concerned for others, especially the children, babies and elderly. She really loved her heavenly father, husband, family and friends She had a wonderful smile and laugh. Her eyes would twinkle. She was a very hard worker and was very conscientious about everything she did and did it very well. She loved life and had such a wonderful personality and was so much fun. She was so smart and interesting. She loved sharing what she knew and learned. She was very knowledgeable. She loved to teach. She was a great teacher, especially with children. She will always be truly loved and missed. Her family prays she will save a place for us where She and Dad. We all love you Mom and Dad. We would choose you both all over again. You both are the Very Best. May heavenly father be with you both till we are with you again. Love Always and Always.LSH

Sherry L Howard - January 11, 2024 at 11:02 PM

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“ Sherry L Howard lit a candle in memory of Betty Jane Howard



Sherry L Howard - January 07, 2024 at 09:31 PM

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Sherry L Howard - January 07, 2024 at 07:14 PM

KR

*Hello Sherry. I just did a search of your mom's name, and was so shocked to find her obituary! You may remember me, Karen Raymond. Your mom and I were very close for many years when we worked together at PWC Circuit Court in the Civil Division. She was like an older sister to me. I knew you then, as well as your dad and younger brother. It was so unfortunate that things occurred between us, that caused a chasm. To this day, I have never understood "why" or the "reason", although "office politics" and "interference by another co-worker" might have been the cause. I only know that it grieved me deeply. My husband and I left PWC and moved South in '06, I have always held her in my heart. I'm so sorry to finally have learned of her passing. Please accept my sincere condolence. I know that her absence is felt deeply and she was definitely a wonderful person with such a happy and upbeat personality, no matter what was going on.*

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**Karen Raymond** - August 07, 2024 at 12:02 AM