



Betty Martin Knowles

March 2, 1925 - April 22, 2014

BETTY MARTIN KNOWLES PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY APRIL 22, 2014 SURROUNDED BY HER FAMILY AT HOME. BORN ON MARCH 2, 1925, SHE WAS RAISED IN THE RURAL SETTING OF CAMPBELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA NEAR THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG. SHE ATTENDED PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN CAMPBELL COUNTY AND GRADUATED FROM LONGWOOD COLLEGE WITH A TEACHING DEGREE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION. SHE THEN TAUGHT FOR 5 YEARS IN SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA BEFORE MOVING TO MANASSAS TO CONTINUE HER TEACHING CAREER FOR ANOTHER 30 YEARS AT YORKSHIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.

AS MOST OF HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY KNOW, BETTY WAS A "RETIRED TEACHER WHO NEVER RETIRED". SHE WAS A PAST PRESIDENT OF ALPHA MU CHAPTER OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY AND PRINCE WILLIAM RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (BOTH LOCAL AND DISTRICT), AREA REPRESENTATIVE AND SECRETARY FOR THE VIRGINIA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION, AND SERVED ON COUNTLESS COMMITTEES ON BOTH COUNTY AND STATE LEVELS.

MOST OF ALL, SHE WAS VERY COMMITTED TO GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. OVER THE YEARS SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE

CHURCH COUNCIL, CHAIRED OR CO-CHAIRING VARIOUS COMMITTEES, WORKED AS A VOLUNTEER IN THE CHURCH OFFICE, ACTIVE IN ALPHA CIRCLE, AND BAKED BREAD FOR MONTHLY COMMUNION. SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED, BUT ALWAYS REMEMBERED BY HER CHURCH FAMILY.

BETTY ALSO FOUND TIME TO SERVE AS A SAFE DRIVING INSTRUCTOR FOR AARP, CHAPLAIN FOR THE LADIES' AUXILIARY VFW POST 7589, AND TREASURER OF THE MANASSAS WOMEN'S CLUB.

BETTY IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 34 YEARS RON KNOWLES; SON ROBERT SHELL AND WIFE ILDIKO OF MINERAL, VA; STEPSON CLARK KNOWLES, WIFE GAIL, AND STEPGRANDDAUGHTER GRACE OF PORTSMOUTH, N.H.; STEPDAUGHTER AMY KNOWLES OF WARREN OH; BROTHER RICHARD MARTIN AND WIFE PATRICIA OF GAINESVILLE, FL; NIECE KATHERINE GOBIE AND HUSBAND GERALD OF MANASSAS, VA; NIECE KAY CASH AND HUSBAND RONALD OF LYNCHBURG, VA; NIECE ALICE RAY FOSTER AND HUSBAND EDWARD OF LYNCHBURG, VA; NIECE CATHY TYREE AND HUSBAND LARRY OF LYNCHBURG, VA; NEPHEW JOHN MARTIN AND WIFE MARY OF CHESAPEAKE, VA; NEPHEW KENNETH MARTIN OF UPPER MARLBORO, MD; NIECE KIMBERLY MARTIN OF WASHINGTON, D.C.; NIECE JENNIFER WILLIAMS AND HUSBAND DENNIS OF WOODBRIDGE, VA; AND NIECE DEBORAH MARTIN OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FL

THE FAMILY WILL RECEIVE FAMILY AND FRIENDS FROM 10:00 TO 11:30 A.M. ON FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH AT GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN MANASSAS, VA. THE FUNERAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT THE CHURCH AT 11:30 FOLLOWED BY A CELEBRATION OF BETTY'S LIFE IN THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL. INTERMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT QUANTICO NATIONAL CEMETERY ON TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH. AT 2:00

P.M.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, THE FAMILY SUGGESTS THAT EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY IN MEMORY OF BETTY BE DIRECTED TO GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 9750 WELLINGTON ROAD, MANASSAS, VIRGINIA 20110.

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road
Triangle, VA 22172

Previous Events

Service

APR **25**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church

Graveside

APR **29**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ I knew Betty as Mrs. Shell my third grade teacher at Yorkshire Elementry School. I am now 60 years old and still to this day hold her as a very special lady and teacher... I never forgot her. In fact I just retired from the City of Manassas this past January and she came to my retirement party. You will sure be missed Betty..... But you will never be forgotten. Rest in Peace Betty

Bobbi Swartz - April 30, 2014 at 07:21 PM

KS

“ Betty was a very beautiful lady inside and out. She gave so much to our church Grace United Methodist and the Manassas area in general. She was punctual, organized, thoughtful, and always dependable. I will remember her with fond regards, , , , Thanks to her family and friends for sharing her time with me.
Katie Swenson

Katie Swenson - April 30, 2014 at 03:56 PM

JP

“ Just wanted to say what a special lady Betty was. I knew her as Mrs. Shell, my third grade teacher at Yorkshire. She made learning fun and inspired my desire to know more. I later became a school librarian and I think her teaching style influenced my career decision. She affected so many lives - her family, her students, and her church family. I share your loss for she will be missed.

Jo Ellen Peters - April 29, 2014 at 07:27 AM

LY

“ I can't say that I know how you feel at this time and I don't know your pain, but the Bible recommends, "Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with people who weep",so until your tears turn into joy, for this reason; I would like to extend my deepest sympathy for the loss of your dear loved one.-Romans 12:15. I would also like to share my belief on the resurrection hope with you(Acts 24:15). Soon Jesus will fulfill God's will on earth, by raising up and restoring back to life, those who are now sleeping in death; with the wonderful prospect of living forever on the restored paradise earth, where sickness and death will no longer plague mankind.-John 5:28,29; Luke 23:43. Until that blessing unfolds and you share in the reunion with your deceased loved one; may Jehovah God grant your family peace and comfort, during this grievous time.-Isaiah 66:13.

Lynn - April 28, 2014 at 02:51 PM

KP

“ My parents, Woody and Helen Browne, were neighbors for decades with Betty and Ron. I remember fondly Betty giving Mom and Dad one of her delicious pies every Christmas. Dad always looked forward to it! May you find comfort in your precious memories and in knowing that others care. My sincere sympathy,
Kay Browne Panos

Katherine (Browne) Panos - April 27, 2014 at 05:00 PM

LS

“ Sue and I will miss you and I especially know that many of the Grace UMC members will both miss you. I know that MANY of the members, as well as the pastoral staff, greatly appreciate ALL that you did for the church.

Best to Ron,

Sue & Larry Soergel

LARRY SOERGEL - April 23, 2014 at 09:01 PM

KC

“ Betty, I will always be so grateful to you back when I was a youngster for taking your time to teach me proper etiquette.”

Love you dearly,

Kaye and Ronnie Cash

Kaye Cash - April 23, 2014 at 07:29 PM



DO

“ Dear Kitty and Dad,

We're so sorry to hear about this. Kitty, I know Betty meant the world to you, and our thoughts are with you.

Steve and Donna

Donna - April 23, 2014 at 07:10 PM

MA

“ *Ron my thoughts and prayers go out to you and the family. Betty was a very special lady and I am so proud to have known her.*

Marie Arthofer - April 23, 2014 at 02:30 PM

YE

“ *Betty,
I'm going to miss our letters to each other. I'm going to miss you. There is a void now where you once were. I know that you'd not have wanted to suffer so I'm glad you went quickly but I'm selfish and I miss you. I know that your family and friends will miss you dearly and I offer my deepest condolences to them all especially Ron, Bob, Ildiko & Kitty. You were a classy, beautiful lady. May you rest in eternal peace.*

Yvette

Yvette Etan - April 23, 2014 at 09:53 AM

AF

“ *Ron and Family,*

Betty was such a wonderful person and she will be missed.

Angela Fromm

Angela Fromm - April 23, 2014 at 09:15 AM



DK

“ *Debby Kuhn lit a candle in memory of Betty Martin Knowles*

Debby Kuhn - April 23, 2014 at 06:56 AM



AB

Betty was such a dear lady, and a mentor to so many of her fellow teachers. The positive impact she had with helping thousands of students over the years realize their potential, is just one of her many legacies. Her Alpha Mu-DKG sisters will miss her so much. Our prayers go out to her family. ~Amber Bateman (Nokesville, VA)

Amber Bateman - April 23, 2014 at 07:41 PM