



## Betty Statham Lear

January 19, 1933 - December 6, 2019

Betty Lear, age 86, passed away peacefully at home in Nokesville, Virginia on Friday, December 6, 2019.

She attended All Saints Catholic Church. The daughter of the late Hugh and Margaret Statham, she was born in Washington, D.C. and grew up in Tysons Corner, Virginia. She began working for the Federal government in 1951 at the Securities & Exchange Commission and retired after 38 years of government service. She volunteered at All Saints Catholic Church and Medical Missionaries in Manassas, Virginia.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband Harry N. Lear, Jr., and her brothers Pat and Mike Statham. She is survived by her sister Margaret "Peggy" Jamison and husband Barry, her children Theresa Sanfelici and husband Gary of Front Royal, VA and Harry N. Lear III and wife Debby of Nokesville, VA, five grandchildren: Lauren "Nikki" Griggs and husband Jason, William "Mike" Thompson and wife Chelsea, Kristin Bailey and husband T.J., Bailey Roque and husband Willie, and Jackie Santiago and husband Douglas and eight great grandchildren: Eleanor "Ellie" and Everett Griggs, William, Jr. and Ruby Thompson, Brody Bailey, Giuliana and Hazel Roque and Adrien Santiago.

Betty was always there to help anyone in need. Most of all she loved spending time with family. Her favorite hobby was seeking out treasures at yard sales. Betty was a beloved friend to many and will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to Medical Missionaries at [medicalmissionaries.org](http://medicalmissionaries.org) or mailed to Medical Missionaries, 9590 Surveyor Court, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 335-1800, e-mail [info@medicalmissionaries.org](mailto:info@medicalmissionaries.org).

Burial service will be held Friday, December 13, 2019 at 11:00 am at Fairfax Memorial Park, 9900 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA 22032. Gather at small white building off Burke Station Road.

Arrangements by Pierce Funeral Home of Manassas.

# Tribute Wall

JY

“ *Jeanne Yawberg lit a candle in memory of Betty Statham Lear*



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**Jeanne Yawberg** - December 23, 2019 at 02:37 PM

“ I will miss my Grandma so much. Pop Pop and Grandma lived right down the road from my family. I was truly blessed to have had them so close. I remember friends saying they didn't know their grandparents or weren't very close to them and that seemed beyond strange to me as a kid, now it's sad. I wouldn't trade a single second of my time spent with them and only wish we had so much more time together.

Some of my favorite memories are from 6th grade. When I went to my grandparent's house every morning before school and then rode the bus back each afternoon. In the morning when Mom dropped me off at Grandma's she would have the newspaper on the kitchen table and would already have pulled the Kid's Post from inside and sat it in front of "my seat" between her's and Pop Pop's at the table. Grandma would make me hot cocoa and we would work on crossword puzzles together or sometimes play Solitaire. She always amazed me at how good she was!

Sometimes Grandma would pick me up early from school for Orthodontist appointments. They were often scheduled while my Mom and Dad were working. I LOVED when Grandma took me!! (Sorry Mom haha!) Before my appointment Grandma would give me advil. It hurt getting my braces tightened and Grandma knew by the time I was done the medicine would be working and I wouldn't be in pain. My Grandma was always prepared and thinking of everyone else. After the appointments Grandma would stop for a milkshake, because of course they helped my mouth! Then she'd ask, "Do you want to go back to school?" You can probably guess my answer... and we would go back to her house and I'd have lunch with her and Pop Pop while she helped me with any homework I had.

Grandma was one of the most selfless people I have ever known. She would always listen and remember everything. I could tell her about a person and later she would ask how they were. Or tell her about a project or event and she would ask how it went.

As I got older, Grandma started spending a lot of her time volunteering with Medical Missionaries. I had a part-time job at a grocery store while going to college, it was minutes from the Linton Hall School where Grandma volunteered. She would come in weekly and each time swing by the bakery/deli department where I worked. As I saw her walking up I would run out from behind the counter to hug her and say hello. My co-workers grew to know and greet "Grandma" each time too!

If only the world had more Grandmas like mine... but she was most definitely one-of-a-kind.

Grandma will be more than missed, and by so many. I know one day I will see her and Pop Pop again, until then I know "my seat" between them will be ready at the kitchen table. ❤️

Kristin - December 15, 2019 at 02:13 AM

DE

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Debby - December 13, 2019 at 11:50 PM

AB

“ My best friend gave me many laughs, smiles, tears and lots of stories. I wish everyone had a special friend in their lives like I did. One of the kindest, and loving lady I ever knew.

I will see you again “lady Jane” this time will be forever. Love you 🥺❤️

Ann Benkoski - December 09, 2019 at 07:45 PM

DG

Harry & Terry so sorry for your loss, my heart goes out to you and your families. Love Darlene

Darlene Gleason - December 10, 2019 at 08:23 AM

AS

The first thing I picture when I think of Betty Lear is her enigmatic almost-smile, a grin waiting to burst forth beneath twinkling eyes, as she sat next to the cookie jar but rarely partaking of it's contents, although she might give it a nudge toward me. I value her pleasant friendship and will miss her. Safe trip West, Betty, and save me a seat. -- Art Sanfelici

Arthur H. Sanfelici - December 10, 2019 at 10:29 AM

BB

One of my favorite people to work with at the Securities and Exchange Commission "back in the day." Sorry to find out she's gone; but I shall not forget her help and good humor and kindnesses.

Bruce Edward Blackistone - April 30, 2023 at 09:52 PM