



## Elizabeth Swank

March 30, 1930 - July 4, 2012

Elizabeth P. (Betty) Swank passed away on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 at Golden Living Center in Annandale, VA.

She was the beloved wife of Sheldon E. Swank who preceded her in death, loving mother to Michelle, Evan and Gavin, and a wonderful grandmother to Chris, Joshua and Jordan.

Betty was born in Mansfield, Ohio on March 30, 1930. She grew up in Mansfield and married her elementary school sweetheart Sheldon. They traveled around the world and country together while Shelly served in the army. They finally settled down in Manassas, Virginia in 1964. Betty was a tough woman and a woman ahead of her times. She always talked about having an ice skating rink in Manassas. She never got to have her own rink, but there now is one in Manassas. She was also instrumental in having Nelson Park put in the City of Manassas and was an avid political activist and environmentalist. Betty was a great mother, cook, gardener, and especially enjoyed giving her kids special theme birthday parties. She will be remembered by all with love and respect.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, July 7, 2012 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA. A Mass of Christian Burial and Interment will take place in Mansfield, Ohio.



# Tribute Wall

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“ Michelle, Evan, and Gavin,  
*I want to express my condolences to you about your Mom's passing, and your Dad's passing, also. I didn't find out about your Mom until yesterday. I regret not being able to stop by when your Dad passed last year.*

*I had forgotten that your Mom was involved with Nelson Park. My Dad was Chairman of the Planning Commission back then and he fought hard to get the park approved. They both must have made a strong case because it didn't take long after that for the town to approve the park.*

*I stopped by your folk's house several times over the years and talked with your Dad, mostly about stamps and baseball. A number of years ago, I stopped by and gave him a commemorative postcard that I had canceled, and he very much appreciated it.*

*It's a sad chapter in our lives when we lose a parent, but we need to appreciate the time we had with them. My Dad passed away last year, and I cherish his life and influence on me every day.*

*I hope you all have blessed lives,  
Bruce*

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**Bruce Wood** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM