



Elizabeth K Coombs

March 28, 1941 - October 24, 2022

Elizabeth K. Coombs, of Pomfret, MD, passed away on October 24, 2022 at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center. She blessed the world with 81 years on this earthly realm.

Born on March 28, 1941 in Washington, DC, Elizabeth — more affectionately known as Mom, Granny, GG, Betty Ann, or Miss Betty — grew up in Clinton, MD with her sister, Mary Evelyn Yates. She graduated in 1959 from Surrattsville High School, Clinton, MD. It was in her Clinton home that she first discovered her passion for music, specifically the piano; she then became known for her musical artistry and served as the church organist.

In addition to her sister, her children (Cindy, Crystal, Caroline and Christopher), her grandchildren (Brittany, Carly, Cathleen, and Caitlyn), and great-grandchildren (Madison and Andrew), she leaves behind her beloved Steve Wedding, Dean Seibert, Chris Arbin, Michael Weiss, Bridget, Brice, Kydin Higgs and Josh Young, along with countless nieces and nephews, her cherished family and friends. She was predeceased by her husband, Everett, her daughter Crystal, and her parents, Donald and Louise Kenlon.

On May 22, 1955, Betty Ann went on a blind date with Everett. The two were immediately smitten, and they married six years later at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Clinton, MD on July 8, 1961.

Betty Ann briefly worked for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Office, and by 1963, she became a full time mother. It was during those years that she and Everett opened their home to a number of foster children, providing them with a stable, loving environment. In addition to fostering children, Betty Ann (and reluctantly, Everett) opened their home to countless stray cats and dogs. She especially adored her beloved cats.

A very busy lady, and as her father labeled her, “tough old bird”, Betty Ann devoted more than 60 years to St. Joseph’s Catholic Church as their organist, and more than 20 years for Holy Ghost Church in Issue, MD. She played more funerals and weddings than the average person attends in their lifetime.

Betty Ann had a heart of gold and had an incredibly full and rewarding life. She began her career working as a phone operator at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center. During that period, she began taking medical courses at the Charles County Community College. Betty Ann spent many years in the medical field, holding a number of positions. She also served as a volunteer for Hospice. She retired as a Unit Secretary on 2 East where she completed 45 years of devoted service.

Following retirement, she spent more time doing what she loved: traveling with Rick Steves on the Travel Channel, learned veterinary techniques from Dr. Pol, perusing thrift stores for cookbooks, going to yard sales, rummaging around TJ Maxx, taking water aerobics at Lackey High School, making homemade jelly, writing notes to friends and family and attending her Friday night pop-a-corks (rosary group gatherings).

Betty Ann never met a stranger. She had a unique gift for being an authentic listener and was well known for her storytelling abilities. One of her favorite activities was visiting with friends and hosting family picnics at her home.

She also had a deep love for flowers and spent many years as a member of the Charles County and La Plata garden clubs. She proudly created hundreds of flower arrangements for churches, wedding receptions and events and won countless awards at the Charles County Fair for her floral arrangements.

Betty Ann made many friends along the way. She will be fondly remembered for her love of family and friends, her kindness and generosity, her faith, her chicken salad, her homemade jelly and the joy she brought to so many. She had a profound impact on the lives she touched. She recently said to her sister, "I truly love my life"...

A viewing will be held at St. Joseph's Church Hall, 4590 St. Joseph's Way, Pomfret, MD, on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 from 2 to 4 pm and 6 to 8 pm, with funeral services at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 11:00 am. Interment to follow with a reception at the church hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Spring Dell Center in La Plata, MD, the Charles County Humane Society in Waldorf, MD or the Hospice of Charles County, Waldorf, MD.

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
4590 St. Joseph Way
Pomfret, MD 20675

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
4590 St. Joseph Way
Pomfret, MD 20675

Burial

NOV 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Cemetery
4590 St. Joseph's Way
Pomfret, MD 20675
<http://stjoepomfret.weconnect.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ Elizabeth K Coombs

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ Elizabeth K Coombs

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ I so enjoyed knowing Betty and she always let me know how much she appreciated the many articles on birds which, as Bird Chairman of the La Plata Garden Club, I wrote to further members' knowledge and love for our avian friends. I shall surely miss her encouragement and appreciation of my contributions. Gloria Groeger

Gloria Groeger - November 17, 2022 at 01:22 PM



“ Mary Ellen Karwasinski sends her heartfelt condolences to the family of Betty Ann and fondly remembers her sharing her friendship and memories of Bryantown in the early days. A truly wonderful lady! I will keep her in my prayers. A Mass will be said for her at St. Catherine's Church.

Mary Ellen Karwasinski - November 10, 2022 at 09:19 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Elizabeth K Coombs.



November 08, 2022 at 10:45 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth K Coombs.



November 08, 2022 at 09:19 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth K Coombs.



November 07, 2022 at 03:15 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elizabeth K Coombs.



November 07, 2022 at 11:59 AM

DB

“ There are no words to express how much she will be missed by so many. She was always thoughtful and kind. We will miss her amazing personality and her sweet jelly. Sending our love and deepest condolences. David and Samantha Bowling

David Bowling - November 07, 2022 at 11:45 AM

DB

“ David and Samantha Bowling purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Elizabeth K Coombs.



David and Samantha Bowling - November 07, 2022 at 11:37 AM

PS

“ PEGGY & RANDY SOUTH lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth K Coombs



PEGGY & RANDY SOUTH - November 07, 2022 at 04:57 AM

MC

“ Betty Ann was one of my oldest cherished friends. She was always upbeat in spirit and her kindness had no limits. She was extremely talented but always cheerful and humble. Betty Ann loved her family, friends, church, animals and crabs. She was one of a kind. She will be missed by so very many and also me. Condolences to all her beautiful family.

Mary Cocke - November 05, 2022 at 12:51 PM

MC

“ *Mary Cocke lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth K Coombs*



Mary Cocke - November 05, 2022 at 12:42 PM

KF

“ *Betty Combs was one of the nicest people I had the pleasure of knowing She truly loved life and will be missed by all who knew her Kathy Frohlich*

Kathy Frohlich - November 04, 2022 at 09:57 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth K Coombs.*



November 04, 2022 at 09:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elizabeth K Coombs.*



November 04, 2022 at 01:12 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elizabeth K Coombs.*



November 04, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ *Our deepest, most heartfelt condolences are with Cindy, Caroline, Christopher and their families.*

We were blessed to share many years of friendship with Betty Ann and Everett.

Betty Ann was a beautiful lady, always kind, caring and thoughtful of others. Her smile was a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day. We laughed together, cried together, and shared many cups of coffee at the kitchen table.

You don't lose true friends because they remain forever in your heart. Betty Ann will be forever in ours.

*Love,
Doug and Lee*

Doug and Lee Gardiner - November 04, 2022 at 09:32 AM



“ *Always ready to lend a helping hand to our family. One memory that has stayed with me all these years is her coming to the home place after Christmas mass and having ham & biscuit sandwiches, which she raved about. RIP Miss Betty and give love to all that have gone before us.*

Rachel A. Adams-Cutlip - November 03, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elizabeth K Coombs.*



November 03, 2022 at 10:01 AM



“ *Betty was indeed a true friend and a very special person. Her friendship will remain in my heart forever. Thinking of her family and so sorry I will not be there for the service as I am out of town. Please know I am here for you if I can help in any way. with Love, Mary Lou Hiortdahl and Family*

Mary Lou Hiortdahl - November 03, 2022 at 09:37 AM



Ms. Betty helped me from when I was a candy striper to when I became a nurse. She knew all the ins & outs of the hospital. Her soft spoken voice and compassionate ways of how people should be cared for will never go unnoticed. Fly high Ms.Betty💕

Karen Guy-Truitt - November 03, 2022 at 11:30 PM



Ms Betty was a beautiful person, she always put herself out there to help you.i worked with Betty for 38 long years.she helped with my daughter s wedding and the best of all we had extensive cat stories.prayers Betty.and prayers to you Caroline and your family.

Bonnie Croston - November 07, 2022 at 01:58 PM

ST

“ So sorry to hear about Bettys passing a very beautiful lady always smiling and so kind..use to see her at hospital also knew Evert ..plus she good friends with our dear friends Doug and Lee Gardiner..Our Deepest Sympathy to all..Rick and Sharon Turner..Rest in Peace Betty

Sharon Turner - November 02, 2022 at 08:09 PM

ST

“ Sharon Turner lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth K Coombs



Sharon Turner - November 02, 2022 at 08:04 PM

RS

“ Rob And Julie Simmons lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth K Coombs



Rob and Julie Simmons - November 02, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth K Coombs.



November 02, 2022 at 06:28 PM

JE

“ Dear family, I was truly blessed at a very young age to have Betty in my life and to be my neighbor in Pomfret. To watch and have our children play and share in neighborhood fun. Andy loved working and learning from Everett and to call him friend. All the picnics and gatherings as family and friends could not be beat. It continued to be a joy to see Betty at Charles County Garden Club and receive notes in her amazing handwriting.



The greatest gift she ever gave me was to be my Godmother and Sponsor in the Catholic Church. Betty was a true testimony of Faith. I loved her dearly, she made my life very special.

Keech and I send our condolences, love, thoughts and prayers. May God bless each of you with strength and peace.

Keech and Joyce

Joyce Edelen - November 02, 2022 at 02:29 PM

DG

“ So sorry for the loss of Betty Ann. We saved our small jars for her to make jellies. They were always so good!

It has been said, "Where ever a good soul has walked, there is a trail of beautiful memories". Betty Ann has left miles of memories in her wake. She will be missed. The heavens have gained a good soul.

Dianne & Chuck Goodrich - November 02, 2022 at 12:06 PM

MP

My deepest condolences to Caroline and family. Ms.Betty was the bright light of civista/Charles regional medical center. Whenever she worked on 2west I knew the patients she had would be well taken care of. The world is a sadder place without her. Enjoy your new happiness Ms.Betty you will be missed on this side.

Michelle Perkins - November 02, 2022 at 01:05 PM

AL

Betty Ann was such a major part of St. Joseph's Church Music Ministry. She played the organ for the church choir over the years and played such beautiful music at so many church funerals. She will be missed by all those who knew her personally all those who attended St. Joseph's Church and heard her beautiful organ playing. My sincere condolences to her family and many friends.

Alma Lynch - November 06, 2022 at 06:50 AM