



# Nance D. Betze

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**N**ance D. Betze, age 82, of Bridgeville, DE and Rehoboth Beach, DE, passed away peacefully on January 28, 2013 in Rehoboth Beach.

Born on August 1, 1930 in Philadelphia, she was the daughter of Harry C. and Elsie (Conway) Davis and one of four children.

Nance attended the University of Delaware and graduated from the Katherine Gibbs School in New York City. After her father passed away, she returned home to Bridgeville to work in the family business, H.C. Davis and Son, Inc. She was married to Stephen J. Betze, a history teacher and later, principal, at Bridgeville High School in 1953.

Nance was avid reader and enjoyed her studies of history and language origins. She was a substitute teacher and a volunteer at the Bridgeville Public Library for many years.

Of all the things that Nance enjoyed the most, it was her family. She spent many hours reminiscing with family about fond childhood memories and tracing the family history back to the days prior to the Revolution. Nance was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mary Vining Chapter, of Seaford.

She is pre-deceased by her husband of 42 years, Stephen J. Betze. She is survived by her three children: Stephanie Williams and her husband, Allen J. Williams of Lewes, Richard S. J. Betze and his wife, Susan of Chapel Hill, NC, and Claire Betze and her partner, Lindy Allen of Freeport, ME; four grandchildren: Erin, Garrett, Alexa, and Jonathon; two sisters and one brother: Joan Huxford of Temecula, CA, Dorothy "Dotty" Lewis of Wilmington, NC, and Harry C. "Brud" Davis III of Bridgeville.

A Graveside Service attended by family members will be held at Bridgeville Cemetery.



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Flowers are gratefully declined. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Stephen J. Betze Scholarship Fund, c/o Delaware Technical & Community College, Jack F. Owens Campus, Business Office, PO Box 660, Route 18/Seashore Highway, Georgetown, DE 19947 or to the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mary Vining Chapter, c/o Hope Huey, Treasurer, 1749 Oak Road, Bridgeville, DE 19933.

Please sign Mrs. Betze's online guestbook at this site.

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## Tribute Wall

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BR

**Barbara Ridgely** posted:

I worked with Steve at Delaware Tech for many years and he was a wonderful man. They were a handsome couple, always gracious.

February 11 at 8:00 PM

RH

**Ronnie Hatfield** posted:

Dear Claire, Richard and Stephanie, May our few words convey the thoughts of sympathy we have for all of you. Your mother was a beautiful lady, a wonderful neighbor and friend. We were blessed to have her in our lives and she will be deeply missed. Love, Ronnie and Bonnie Hatfield

February 6 at 8:00 PM

CH

**Charles & Sharon Hawk** posted:

Dear Stephanie, Richard and Claire and Families, So sorry for your loss. Your Mother was a true lady, always nice to everyone. She and your Dad seemed like the "perfect couple" to us. I can picture them walking around town. They were a wonderful part of the Bridgeville Community. Their contributions to our town, school, library and Delaware Technical and Community College will always be remembered and appreciated. Sincerely, Charles & Sharon

February 6 at 8:00 PM

GR

**Gregory Rowe** posted:

Claire, Richard and Stephanie. I was saddened to learn of the passing of your mother. I have many good memories of her when we were growing up and playing in the yard. Please know my fond thoughts and prayers are with you.

February 1 at 8:00 PM

RJ

**Ruthi Adams Joseph** posted:

Chick, Nance and their family were a great part of the community of Bridgeville. Nance will be missed by many!

January 31 at 8:00 PM



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RF

**Ralph L. Scott Iii & Family** posted:

Such a sweet & loving lady, & Dear friend to My Mother, Puff. I miss seeing Stephanie, Richard, & Claire, & of course, "Chick".g

January 31 at 8:00 PM

LH

**Lynn Hale** posted:

Claire and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. She was an incredibly nice lady. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

January 30 at 8:00 PM

HW

**Harry Willey** posted:

Sorry for your loss....sweet lady

January 30 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Nance by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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