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Elizabeth “Betty” Helen Martin, Lifelong Learner and Educator

Elizabeth “Betty” Helen Martin, age 88, of Lewes, DE was welcomed into heaven on June 6, 2015. She was born on June 9, 1926, daughter of the late loving parents, James Hannah and Helen Dockerty.

Betty was raised in Kearny, NJ where she grew up raising show dogs with her father and cared for her ailing mother. She graduated from Queen of Peace High School in North Arlington, NJ. After World War II, Betty married the love of her life, William Joseph Martin; together they settled in Sparta, NJ where she raised her two sons.

Betty kept busy caring for her family and working full time as a secretary at Sparta High School. She had a real desire for higher education and realized its value; so while juggling these duties, she attended William Patterson College at nights. She achieved her goal and earned a BA degree, specializing in early childhood education. Putting her education and experience to good use Betty became a teacher at the West Milford School District in NJ. She really enjoyed making a connection with her students and spent the next 30 years doing just that.

Betty made many friends over the years and cherished each one individually. She remained extremely active volunteering for many organizations including the League of Women Voters, NJEA, AAUW, NAPE, Zwaanendael Women's Club of Lewes, Red Hat Society, Tutoring Program CHSD and the Rehoboth Beach and Lewes Libraries.

Proud of her Scottish heritage Betty made many trips to Scotland over the years to visit relatives who were very dear to her. A champion of the less fortunate in all walks of life, she took in and cared for rescue dogs with Cairn Terriers being her favorite. Betty loved reading, learning, laughing, the daily crossword puzzle and cooking tasty dishes in her home. Spending time with



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family and friends was important and a nice meal followed by Jeopardy and a game of cards was her idea of a great time.

Betty will be fondly remembered as she exemplified what being a wife, mother, educator, humanitarian and friend is. Her passing is heartfelt here on earth, but the family rejoices with her ascension into heaven.

In addition to her parents, Betty was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, William Martin and her two grandchildren, Leah and James Martin. She is survived by her two sons: Barry Martin and his wife Debbie of Flagstaff, AZ and Bruce Martin of Lewes, DE; three grandchildren, Keri and Alex Morrill both of Flagstaff, AZ and Brendon Martin of Lewes, DE; and two great-grandchildren, Kiona and Kayla both of Flagstaff, AZ.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, August 8, 2015, at 11:00 AM, at St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church, 152 Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE 19958, followed by a catered luncheon in the church hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made to the Lewes Public Library, 111 Adams Avenue, Lewes, DE 19958 (children's wing).

Please sign Betty's guestbook located on this site.

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OS

Olive Seaton posted:

With sincere condolences to Bruce & Barry from a former Sparta High co-worker and short time Rehoboth neighbor of Betty's.Olive Seaton

July 20 at 8:00 PM

KT

Kathleen Thompson posted:

The Coastal Georgetown Branch of the American Association of University Women extends our sympathy to the family of Betty Martin. Betty was a long time member and former treasurer of the branch and supported the women of Sussex County through her efforts.

July 19 at 8:00 PM

PP

Paul " Mertz" Paulson posted:

Hey Ol Buddy,Barry and the rest of the Martin family,Nothing but fond memories of your Mom,and what a great Mom and blessing she was,God Bless Paul "Mertz" Paulson

July 14 at 8:00 PM

AS

Aileen Sullivan posted:

Prayers and my deepest sympathy to you, Bruce, and your family. I have fond memories of your Mother, she was always wonderfully, kind to me. Your obituary is so beautifully written. God Bless your Mother for all she did and will do in Heaven. Love always, Aileen Sullivan

July 14 at 8:00 PM

BM

Bruce Martin posted:

Love you and miss you dearly...your my saint in heaven now.

July 14 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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