



## Betty Jean Black

February 19, 2021

Betty Jean Black, Teacher and Longtime Willow Street Resident

Betty Jean Black, 91, passed away on Friday, February 19, 2021 at her residence in the Willow Valley Retirement Community. She was born in Huntingdon, PA to Dr. John Chester and Zula Grace (Dell) Black in 1929 and was raised in Athens, Bradford County.

After graduating from the Pennsylvania State University, Betty taught in Sayre, PA before moving to Willow Street to begin a long career as an elementary school teacher in the Lancaster School District.

Betty lived a life of grace and selfless service, enriching the lives of her family members, students, neighbors and friends. She enjoyed nature while hiking, drying wildflowers or gathering fruit for prized homemade jams.

She was predeceased by her siblings and is survived by five nephews and one niece as well as six great-nephews and nieces. Betty was a member of Calvary Church in Lancaster where a memorial service will be held at a future date. She will be laid to rest alongside her parents at Tioga Point Cemetery in Athens.

Betty's family wishes to thank the staff at Willow Valley for their care and

compassion during a difficult time.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Jean Black*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *During my brief stay at Willow Valley, Betty became a good friend to me. She was always kind and caring, a bright light who truly loved God and showed it in all she did and was. Her friendship was very special to me, and I thank God for her life and how she shared herself with others.*

*Janet Boyce, Newnan, Georgia*

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**Janet Boyce** - March 18, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ *Betty encouraged me in several ways with notes, sharing a plant. Her calm, sweet spirit blessed me in many ways. May the Lord comfort the family. -Mary Duff*

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**Mary Duff** - March 07, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ *Am sending my heart felt condolences . Betty was a first grade teacher of my son Jonathan in 1964. She was a lovely person. One day she asked the children what they had had for breakfast that day and my son said ‘a dippy egg’ . She thought that was so cute and shared it with us. Many years later when I saw her at the Bon Ton she still remembered it! She spoke of her dentist brother and nephew often. Betty had a good life and shared so much with others! God bless. Dolores Perezous*

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**Dolores X Perezous** - March 01, 2021 at 09:01 PM

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“ Betty was a long-time volunteer at the ministry of Bible Visuals International, Akron. Not only did she cheerfully serve, but was always sharing a kind word with our staff and other volunteers. We will miss her, but look forward to seeing her again in the Kingdom of Heaven.

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**Patricia Pope** - February 28, 2021 at 08:48 PM

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“ I have never forgotten my 1st grade teacher. She was one of my favorite teachers. Keeping her and her family in my thoughts and prayers.

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**jennifer Barnes** - February 28, 2021 at 10:59 AM