



## Betty Gast

December 29, 2025

At the age of 100, Betty Gast of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was called home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on December 29, 2025, after a long and fruitful life. She was surrounded by her family, who loved and cherished her as the strong, warm, and resilient woman she was.

Betty was the second daughter of Rolandis Shenk Ludwig and May Gerhard Mohler Ludwig, and younger sister to Dorothy Ludwig Heisey. She was married for 72 years to her high school sweetheart, William Earl Gast, Jr., until he passed in 2018.

Though small in stature, Betty was a giant in terms of her faith. She never wavered in her belief or trust in God and felt His peace through thick and thin. Betty read and knew the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. She was a relentless prayer warrior and was happy to share her belief with anyone who was interested.

Family meant everything to her. Growing up as a bit of a tomboy, Betty loved sports and was a great deep receiver and a superb catcher when playing family football and baseball. Her consistency with ping pong won many a family tournament. Anyone could hear her screaming loud encouragement at all the baseball, football, and wrestling events her three sons participated in over the years.

Betty was also an avid motorcyclist—mostly as a passenger with her husband—and toured through the U.S. and Europe. At one point, she earned a motorcycle license and had her own Harley.

Having skipped two grades, she graduated from McCaskey High School in 1941. She was an excellent writer and composed the cleverest, multi-verse poems. In later years, she became a Mac computer aficionado, creating and producing her memoirs, as well as a cookbook filled with favorite family recipes. Betty and husband Bill formed B&B Creations and produced numerous iMovies and personalized greeting cards to the delight of her family and friends.

Betty was a big reader and re-read one of her favorites, *Gone With The Wind*, for the umpteenth time at the age of 99. She could still quote poems from *A Child's Garden Of Verses*.

A devoted partner to her husband, she helped Bill with his PTSD from WWII. He told her his story, which she translated to a speech that he gave to several hundred people at a WWII reenactment at the Eisenhower farm in Gettysburg. She attended several reunions of the 743RD Tank Battalion and spent time with numerous Holocaust survivors that Bill's battalion helped to liberate. Betty and Bill were truly members of the Greatest Generation.

Betty is survived by her three sons: William (Vivian), Bradley (Joanne), and Bruce; she was grandmother to: Jane (Greg), Victoria (Michael), Maxfield (Kathy), and Dillon; and great-grandmother to: Melody, Kendrick, Emerson, and Olivia.

The Funeral Service and interment will be held at Conestoga Memorial Park, 95 2nd Lock Rd, Lancaster, PA, on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at 12:00

noon, followed by a reception at Groff's Family Funeral Home, 528 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.

All are welcome. Memorial gifts, in lieu of flowers, can be made to the Harvest Bible Church in Lancaster.

# Cemetery Details

## Conestoga Memorial Park

Second Lock Road  
Lancaster, PA 17603

# Previous Events

## Graveside

JAN 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Second Lock Road  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Urged on by the testimony (and passing) of Jan Rohrer, Betty Gast and Jane Hostetter came and volunteered faithfully for 14 years at Ambassadors for Christ (1197-2011). They helped to pull and pack the orders that came in, as well as price books for conferences. They learned to bind books, and copy CDs as well. I started working there 5 years after she did, and was inspired by their faithfulness and willingness to serve with whatever was needed. I have to tell you, volunteering is good for the body and good for the soul! Many of our volunteers live long lives. :-) Betty is no exception! We enjoy the multi-generational relationships we have here. I especially enjoyed reading the memoirs that she wrote about her life. They were so well written and a good glimpse into the past. As her obituary says, she could handle a computer pretty well, even learning things in her eighties! Her smile and joy will be missed. But I know she is soaking in all that Heaven has to offer now!

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Anita Martin - January 12 at 01:23 PM

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Anita Martin - January 12 at 01:07 PM

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“ I would like to extend my sympathy to the family of Betty Gast. Especially to Bill Gast whom I haven't seen in many many years. Bill, I'm sure you might remember our youth days at Calvary Church growing up. May the Lord above shed his grace and peace on you and the family at this time of loss. Tom Wissler.

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**Tom Wissler** - January 11 at 08:36 AM

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*I would like to extend my heartfelt sympathy to the family. I worked with Betty at Way Oil Company . She gave me a Bible that i have and still use . It is well worn. She was a lovely lady. I have thought of her everytime i open that Bible.*  
*Patricia Miller Williams*

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**patty williams** - January 12 at 06:47 AM