



Betty Jane "BJ" Swisher Wolfgang

September 3, 2025

Betty Jane "BJ" (Swisher) Wolfgang, 92, of Lititz, passed away on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at Moravian Manor, after a brief illness. She was born in Elizabethtown, PA, to the late LeRoy E. and Grace F. (Shultz) Swisher.

She was a graduate of Elizabethtown High School and a 1954 graduate of Lebanon Valley College, where she majored in music education. BJ played the marimba from the time she was a child, and for several years played with Mary Jane's All-Girl Marimba Band.

BJ began her teaching career in the Elizabethtown School District, then taught for many years at Manheim Township, both in the Middle School and in several Elementary Schools. In her early years, she was one of the founding members of the Lancaster Actors' Company.

At Lebanon Valley College, BJ met Tom Wolfgang. They were married on June 5, 1954, and spent 67 wonderful years together before his passing in April of 2022. Tom and BJ had a summer home outside of Kensington on Prince Edward Island for over 30 years, where they were active in their church and community. They traveled the world during retirement, visiting the entire United States as well as nearly 50 countries. They loved traveling and learning about other cultures and were always thinking about where to go

next.

BJ was a member of Covenant United Methodist Church for over 50 years. She taught Sunday School for most of that time, and, in retirement, created and led the Elderberries Senior Group. Also, during retirement, she was an active volunteer for Love INC, Landis Homes, and Covenant's homework program for students at Fulton School. She was an excellent seamstress and made most of her own clothing.

BJ is survived by her daughters, Kim, wife of Ivan Wittel (Lancaster), and Heidi, wife of Steven Limbert (Lititz), as well as her son, Toby (Lititz). She is also survived by three granddaughters, Della Carr (Michael) of Lititz, Carrie Olena (Bradley) of Lebanon, and Ivy Limbert of Lititz, one step-granddaughter, Jaclyn Sultzbach (Bill), three step great-grandsons, and a brother-in-law, Thomas R. Deimler of Atlanta. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Shirley Deimler, and her daughter-in-law, Susan Mann Wolfgang.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the nurses and staff of Moravian Manor who have cared for her during the last several years. Their compassion and care were a blessing to her and to all of us.

A Memorial Service will be held at Covenant United Methodist Church, 110 North Mulberry Street, Lancaster, PA 17603, on Monday, September 15, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. Friends are welcome to greet the family starting at 1:30 p.m. at the church. Interment will be private, at the convenience of the family.

To watch the Memorial Service live, please visit
<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/a25095498054603>

Contributions in BJ's memory can be made to the Dolly Kepner Music Fund, Covenant United Methodist Church, 110 N. Mulberry Street, Lancaster, PA

17603.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Covenant United Methodist Church
110 N. Mulberry Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Memorial Service

SEP **15**. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Jane "BJ" Swisher Wolfgang*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - September 11, 2025 at 03:06 PM



“ *Dear Kim, Heidi, and Toby and families, My thoughts are with each of you during today's remembrance time for your beloved mother. I have many fond memories of time spent with your mother just chatting about sewing or healthy food ideas. To know your mom was to smile and know you were in the presence of someone who truly cared about talking with you. Blessings in the days ahead. Sue Kresge*

Sue Kresge - September 15, 2025 at 10:44 AM

KI

Thank you, Sue for your sympathy and kind words. She truly was someone who cared about, and was interested in everyone, and she loved her church family so much. We were so blessed to have her and my dad as parents!

Kim - September 16, 2025 at 11:04 AM

RB

“ I remember BJ with great fondness. Of course as well as Tom. They were great assets to Covenant. I'm sorry for your loss even though she lived a long life. May God give you the strength and support you deserve.

Robert Bailey - September 14, 2025 at 09:29 AM

KI

Thank you, Bob, for your sympathy and kind words. Their faith and their church family were so important to them, and we are comforted knowing they are together, with Jesus.

Kim - September 15, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ 89 files added to the album LifeTributes



The Groff's Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - September 11, 2025 at 03:01 PM



“ My warm and sincere sympathies on the death of Mrs. Wolfgang, A prior appointment prevents me from attending her service. Thank you for affording us opportunities to contribute in her memory to the organ fund at Covenant Church. A great instrument in its own way.

Karl Moyer - September 11, 2025 at 08:44 AM



Thank you kindly, Karl. I'm sorry that you aren't able to be with us, but thankful for your words of sympathy and your friendship.

Kim Y. Wittel - September 12, 2025 at 11:24 AM