



Betty Mae Keckler Crouse

December 27, 2020

Betty Mae Keckler Crouse, 95, of the Mennonite Home, Lancaster, PA, passed away on Sunday, December 27, 2020. Born in 1925 in Waynesboro, PA, she was the daughter of the late Ralph Keckler and Blanche Benchoff Keckler. Frank L. Crouse, her husband of 55 years, passed away in 2002.

In 1943, Betty graduated from Washington Township High School in Waynesboro, PA. Betty and Frank moved their family to Lancaster in 1951 where she was employed for 19 years by McCaskey High School in the food services department. Betty and Frank were charter members of the Lancaster Community United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday school and was an active member and treasurer of the church's Women's Society.

She is survived by her four children, Shirley Stauffer (Jim), Carolyn Ramos (Alan), Kenneth Crouse (Karen), and David Crouse (Lori Ann); her six grandchildren, Jocelyn Stauffer, Jonathan Stauffer (Angela), Renee Ramos, Anthony Ramos, Justin Crouse, and Chela Crouse; and one great-grandchild, Francis Stauffer. Betty is also survived by her siblings, Helen Shoemaker, Ruth Rogers, and Ralph Keckler and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and Robert Keckler.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lancaster Community United Methodist Church, 130 Tennyson Drive, Lancaster, PA 17602.

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Mae Keckler Crouse*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Betty Crouse's children*
So sorry to read about your Mother. She was one special lady. She and your Dad welcomed me at Community Church as your organist. Then your dad was in the choir. Mother joined our lunch bunch group and we will all miss her. Special blessings to all of you
Lois Anne Risser

Lois Anne Risser - January 04, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ *Shirley, Carolyn, Ken, Dave and families..your mom was like family to us. We loved spending time with her over the years. Heaven certainly gained another angel and our parents are probably planning their next excursion now that they're together again. I am so sorry for your loss. With love, Mic and Gene Mc killips*

Mic & Gene McKillips - January 01, 2021 at 11:45 AM

JL

“ Shirley and Family,

*I was saddened to read your Mom's obituary in the paper. Betty's warm smile, her kindness, and caring ways always made it a pleasure to care for her at Evergreen.
May your many memories comfort all of you during this difficult time.
With thoughts and prayers.....Jean L Lull*

J L Lull - December 30, 2020 at 10:51 AM

JS

“ Shirley, Carolyn, Ken, Dave & families, We are very sorry to hear about your Mom. Our thoughts & prayers are with y'all during this time. I remember your family growing up in the CUMC community and then again while our Mom's were residents at Evergreen. Your kindness during our parents ' stay will always be remembered .
Janice Hufford Swisher & Dale

Janice Swisher - December 30, 2020 at 08:46 AM

SM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with my cousins,
Aunt Betty was a wonderful, loving, and sweet person that I will truly miss. She was always like a bright sunny day when you saw her.
Keep your memories, and show the love in your heart like she taught you.
I Love all of ya, Sonnie

Sondra Messner - December 29, 2020 at 09:03 PM

LR

“ Dear Shirley, Carolyn, Ken, Dave, and family,
It is with heavy hearts that we learned of your mother’s passing. Heaven has another angel, but we who are left will sorely miss her smiling eyes, gentle ways, and generous spirit. Her faith was a big part of who she was, as she led by example. Her kindness was evident in everything she did, and she left that trait in each of you. Because my mother and your dad grew up together, our families felt a special kinship. We loved your mom like family. We are praying for your comfort and peace in knowing that your mom was so very proud of you all and loved you with all of her heart. Picturing a great reunion in heaven right now.
With our love,
Mike and Lois Ann Reed

Lois Ann (Harris) Reed - December 29, 2020 at 07:01 PM

TF

“ To Shirley, Jim and the entire Crouse family...Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you as you mourn the passing of your beloved mother. May your memories comfort you during this time of sorrow. Sincerely, Anne and Tom Fessenden

Tom & Anne Fessenden - December 29, 2020 at 12:43 PM

SS

“ Shirley, Carolyn, Ken, and Dave: There was something special about being a part of Community United Methodist Church in the 1950s-1970s that most of us who experienced it feel. The relationships built there lasted a lifetime. I can't think about those days without thinking about your mom, Betty...and her role in Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, choir, United Methodist Women, and Father-Son and Mother-Daughter banquets. Betty and Frank, Janet and Jim, the Hulls, the Mutschlers, the Warners, the Hunchbergers, the Sangreys, and others along with Bob Miller and Jere Martin...what memories. I'll tell mom of Betty's passing in the next several days; she will be very sad. It's up to us as the next generation of Community Church alumni to keep the positive memories and good feelings alive. Blessings!

Scott and Jacquie Sheely - December 29, 2020 at 10:53 AM

JS

“ I will always remember "Nan" as a sweet, kind, caring woman who never said an unkind word. She was always happy to see me and have me over for a while when I was a child, and I was always so happy to visit with her as an adult. Her kindness shows in her children (my Aunt, Uncles, and Mother) and I'm sure just a little bit rubbed off on me too. Love you Nan!

Jonathan Stauffer - December 29, 2020 at 09:00 AM