



Betty Jean Riley

November 14, 2017

Betty went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. Betty was able to spend her last days surrounded by her loving family and friends.

Born September 1, 1932 in Burlington, NC to the late Kyle and Nellie Alderson, Betty is survived by one son, Clarence, Jr., two daughters, Arla Brown and Pennie, spouse of Laura Savage and one son-in-law, James Covert, Sr., all of Lancaster. Surviving in addition to her children are three sisters: Louise Campbell of Manassas, VA, Alice Sandridge of Unionville, VA, Barbara Bland of Myrtle Beach, SC and one brother, Jimmy of Charlotte Hall, MD. Besides her children and siblings, Betty was blessed with seven grandchildren Dwight, Trisha, Christopher, Ricky, Jr. (Hope), Kristian, Robert (Karli), and Annie. She was further blessed with 10 great-grandchildren; all who held a special place in her heart and always brought a smile to her face. Betty also has multiple nieces and nephews that will fondly remember her as Aunt Betty. Preceding Betty on this journey; she joins her parents, husband, Clarence (Peenie), two sons, Ricky L. and Lenny L., and four brothers: Kyle, Jr., Clarence, Clyde and Kenneth.

Betty was a homemaker who spent her time raising her children. She later went to work at and retire from Conestoga View Nursing Home. Ironically, Betty spent her last years as a resident of the "View." The family would like to

extend their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the care given to Betty.

Betty had a happy soul who enjoyed life through laughter. Her first passion was spending time with her family and friends. Known also as “Betty Boop”, she always loved to be on the go regardless of the destination. Besides being with her family, she was an avid bingo player and on occasion, visited the casino. Betty and her family became members of the Salvation Army over 50 years ago. Throughout the years, the Salvation Army has been an important source of support to Betty and her family.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to Betty’s Celebration of Life Funeral Service at The Salvation Army, 131 S. Queen Street, Lancaster, PA on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. with Captain Timothy Sheehan officiating. The family will receive friends on Friday, November 17, 2017 at Fred F. Groff Funeral Home, 234 W. Orange Street, Lancaster from 7:00–9:00 p.m. and on Saturday at The Salvation Army from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will be in Quarryville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Betty’s memory may be made to The Salvation Army, 131 S. Queen Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Historic Fred F. Groff
234 West Orange Street
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 394-5300
<http://thegroffs.com/>

Visitation

NOV 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Salvation Army
131 South Queen St.
Lancaster, PA

Service

NOV 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Salvation Army
131 South Queen St.
Lancaster, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Jean Riley*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Arla and Family*

*I am so very sorry to see that your mother passed away
Please know my thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family*

*Love
Donna Speece*

DONNA L SPEECE - November 17, 2017 at 01:40 PM



“ *I will miss you Betty sitting on your lap I
already miss hearing you say oh no here
comes trouble miss not seeing you sitting
watching and sleeping out in the day room will
never forget you thank you for making me
laugh every day even when I was not too happy you made me smile
😊 forever in my heart ❤️ love you Betty may you be at peace say
hello to Len and Ricky for me forever your friend Jennifer Ayala*



jennifer ayala - November 15, 2017 at 03:12 PM



“ *Betty would come into the salon at sheer excitement down by Kohls
many years ago and I would give her a roller set and we would just
chat and laugh and she would always talk about her kids and then
she would come into jcp salon and I would set her hair too she is a
beautiful , loving ,lady my condolences to betty' s family n friends*

Kim smith - November 15, 2017 at 01:10 PM

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“ *To the Riley family,
Our condolences to all of you in the passing of Betty Jean. Your
strong family bond will see you through the days ahead.*
Patty and Jeff Garden

Patricia Garden - November 15, 2017 at 12:03 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Betty Jean Riley.*



November 15, 2017 at 11:48 AM