



Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Long Byers

January 8, 2019

Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Long Byers, 96 of Lancaster, PA died Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at Moravian Manor Nursing Home Health Center. Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Professor William F. Long and Cora A. Swope Long and was married to Robert H. Byers for 60 years until his death in 2003.

Betty attended the Shippen School and graduated from the first Women's Class of J.P. McCaskey High School in 1939. Following high school. She attended F&M college as the first co-ed with Marie Aierstock in the summer of 1942 and graduated from Pembroke (Brown University) class of 1943, with a degree in English. Following graduation, she married Robert in Rhode Island, a week before he deployed as a commissioned officer in the Navy during WWII. Betty worked at Murray Insurance Agency until her son Jeff was born. She also volunteered in the business office of St. Joseph Hospital in the early 1980's.

Betty was a lifelong member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ. She enjoyed traveling and took seven European trips with her husband. She and Robert lived in Key West Florida from 1951 -1953 while Robert served in the Navy during the Korean War. She enjoyed taking long walks in the F&M and Buchanan Park neighborhoods where she enjoyed nature. Her interests included playing bridge, reading and doing the Sunday NYT crossword

puzzles. She also loved jazz and big band music.

The family wishes to thank the nursing staffs of Moravian Manor and Central Penn Nursing for their many years of service and care for Betty. A special thanks to Stella, Tabitha, Earla, and Trudy, Betty's longtime CNA caregivers from Central Penn Nursing.

She is survived by her son, Jeffrey W. Byers, and his wife, Judy of North Carolina and her daughter, Kathryn B. wife of George Kunkel of Lancaster; three grandchildren: Jonathan H. Byers (wife Jazmine) of Meisenheimer, NC, Gregory W. Byers (wife Brittany) of Weaverville, NC and Lindsey K. Kunkel of Philadelphia and four great-grandchildren: Mackinzie, Camden, Lillian and Jordan Byers. Betty was preceded in death by two siblings: Kathryn "Kitty" Helm and Carl F. Long.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at the Historic Fred F. Groff, Inc., 234 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA. with Rev. Lance F. Mullins officiating. The family will receive friends and family from 10-11 a.m. until the time of the service. Betty's favorite color, which would brighten her day, was purple. All those who attend are invited to wear something of purple. Private family interment will be in Longenecker's Reformed Mennonite Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Wisdom's Table at St. Peter's UCC, 816 Buchanan Avenue, Lancaster, PA.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Historic Fred F. Groff
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Long Byers*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - January 16, 2019 at 11:31 AM



“ *Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Long Byers*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *My prayers with Betty's family and friends. I am the eldest granddaughter of her sister Kitty Helm. I have some memories of visiting with the family many, many years ago as a young child. The tribute to Betty is very special and it will help to keep those precious memories close to the heart for her family. Cindy (Helm) Taylor*



Cindy Taylor - January 22, 2019 at 04:47 AM

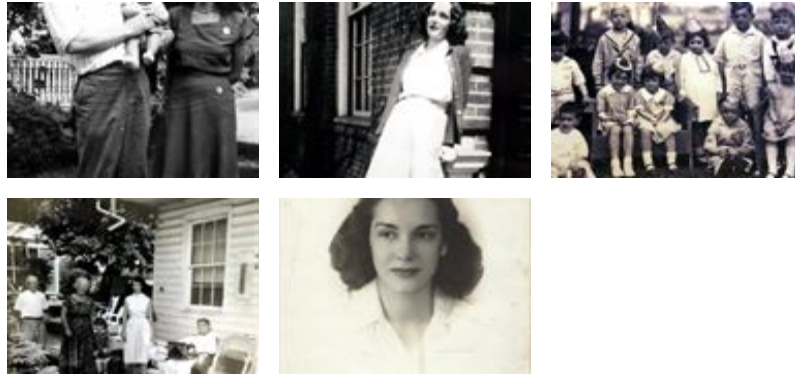
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“ I loved talking and playing bridge with Aunt Betty. I fondly remember our family reunion at Aunt Clara’s in Indiana when Aunt Betty and I were bridge partners. She was so patient with me since I was a beginner and kept encouraging me to continue learning the game. She will be missed by all that knew her especially her family and relatives.

Mart Byers Zupko - January 18, 2019 at 06:16 PM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - January 17, 2019 at 01:28 PM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - January 16, 2019 at 10:27 AM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - January 14, 2019 at 04:00 PM

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“ *Jeff, it's been a long, long time. Sorry to hear of your loss. Sounds like your mother was an interesting, accomplished person. I still remember your mother and recognized her younger picture immediately in the local paper. When we travel out Race Ave, I often comment to my wife, Linda, that a good friend lived there ... across from the F&M fraternity. It would be good to hear from you to catch up on life experiences. Jim Cluck, jwc442@aol.com.*

James W. Cluck - January 13, 2019 at 03:50 PM

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“ *Wanted to just say I hold fond memories of your mother from the first time I met her, as we were learning to play the clarinet in 4th grade, to all the times she would get in the old rambler, to take me home after spending the day riding bikes all over School Lane Hills with you. I have both good thoughts and deep sorrow at this time. Hugs for you and your brother. Deborah Steinman*

Deborah Steinman - January 12, 2019 at 01:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Long Byers.



January 11, 2019 at 11:30 PM