



Elizabeth "Betty" Rowe

May 29, 2024

Elizabeth "Betty" Rowe, 93, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at her residence surrounded by her family. Born in Conshohocken, PA to the late Joseph Coulston and Anna Dager Coulston.

Betty earned her bachelor's degree from West Chester University and her Master's Degree from Millersville University in Education. She taught for over 30 years in the Lampeter Strasburg School District. Betty retired in 1993 at the age of 62.

She was a former member of Grace Lutheran Church in Lancaster; she sang in the choir until the 1990s. Her lasting legacy at Grace Church is her direction of two bell choirs, beginning in the early 90's after the then-director retired, and then adding another bell choir for teenagers in the later 90's. So many of the youth at Grace Church in those years learned to play the handbells under "Miss Betty's" faithful leadership.

During her free time, Betty enjoyed knitting, gardening, and spending time outdoors. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who will be dearly missed by her family.

She is survived by her three sons, Aaron P. Rowe (Shelly), Bruce T. Rowe (Nancy), and Craig C. Rowe; her two grandchildren, Derrick M. Rowe,

Amanda E. Rowe (Brian Krueger) and her one great-grandchild, Ian C. Krueger. Betty was preceded in death by her son, Dennis W. Rowe; her three sisters, Hannah Coulston, Anna Coulston, and Mildred Coulston Clark (Frank); and her brother, Joseph Wendell Coulston.

A Funeral Service will be held at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603 on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will follow at Millersville Mennonite Cemetery, 435 Manor Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Grace Lutheran Church, 517 N. Queen Street, Lancaster, PA 17603, or Hospice & Community Care, 685 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601, or The Pet Pantry of Lancaster County, 26 Millersville Road, Lancaster PA 17603.

Cemetery Details

Millersville Mennonite Cemetery

Millersville , PA 17551

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Betty was the music teacher at Strasburg Elementary School when I was a new teacher in the 1970’s. She was very generous and kind in her treatment of me. I remember a delicious cherry pie in a sheet tray that she made for the faculty. She always was so proud of her sons. She was a lovely person.

*With deepest sympathies,
Tina Hubley*

Tina Hubley - June 07, 2024 at 05:23 PM

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Ressel

“ Our condolences to Craig and family, may Betty's memory be eternal. Barry and Kim Ressel.



K Ressel - June 04, 2024 at 09:19 AM

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“ My condolences to Bruce and family. May the happy memories and good times shared with your mom help you through this time of loss. Prayers for you and the family.

Jeff Gilbert - June 03, 2024 at 01:37 PM

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“ From NG Contracts-EICO planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth "Betty" Rowe.

From NG Contracts-EICO - June 03, 2024 at 10:43 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Rowe.*



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“ *How blessed to many children and adults were Betty's handbell choir teaching and conducting at Grace Lutheran Church. She taught with both skill and love.
Sadly, two appointments which I do need to keep will prevent me from attending her funeral. May she now rest in peace.
Karl E. Moyer*

Karl Moyer - June 02, 2024 at 07:38 AM



“ *So Sorry for your loss. George and Darlene moyer*

George moyer - June 02, 2024 at 03:07 AM