



ELIZABETH SAYLOR COURSIN

January 10, 2012

Elizabeth “Betty” Saylor Coursin, originally of Johnstown, PA, daughter of Owen W. and Helen S. Saylor (deceased); loving wife of Baird (deceased); mother of David, Douglas and Robb (deceased); mother-in-law of Laura (deceased), Marti, Laurie and Kitty; mother to Daniel Flynn and Grandmother of Melia, Drew, Mackenzie, and Owen, passed away on January 8th with her family at her bedside. She was an amazing person, friend, and confidante. She possessed extraordinary style and grace and an artist’s eye for colors and composition.

Betty and Baird came to Lancaster in the late 1940s. She was dedicated to “her boys” and her three wonderful younger sisters, Mimi (deceased), Joan (deceased), and Janet, and their extended families. She held community leadership roles in the St. Joseph’s Hospital Auxiliary, Junior League, United Way, and St. Peter’s United Church of Christ, among others. She and her dear friend, Esther Holder, founded Holder Advertising, and they made a name for themselves in that highly competitive field. Later, she co-owned a successful art gallery in Stone Harbor, NJ.

Betty was a caretaker and always considered the needs of others, whether family, friends, or mere acquaintances. No matter how attenuated your connection to her family, Betty always made sure you felt welcome. She and Baird traveled the world, but she was happiest with her family and bridge club friends in Lancaster or at the family cottage in Stone Harbor.

Her family is grateful for the wonderful care she received from the staff at Country Meadows, the staffs at Lancaster Regional Hospital and Lancaster Hospice, and Dr. Robert Shultz. A private, family service will be held in her memory at a future date. She and her kind heart, wise insights and generous spirit will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

Tribute Wall



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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ Dave,

It was only this summer that we spoke for the first time in years, bitter-sweet to hear from you given the circumstances. So the second half of 2011, you said goodbye to both your parents. I remember them well, and so fondly for not only who they were but for being part of a generation who lived full lives and showed us how to do so. Your parents represent for me the end of that generation. They remind me of times with Betty and Ross, my parents, and others who were the grown-ups while we simply played. Indulge me for taking these steps back; I only hope your memories are rich and not too sad. There is much to celebrate. They also taught us about the endings. You were there for all of it, and I know this has not been easy for you. I hope you feel good about that. So go on with your life with all the zest you can. It appears we are on the front line now. Herb Cooper

Herb Cooper - January 13, 2012 at 12:16 PM