



## Joan S. Betty

April 2, 2019

Joan S. Betty, age 86, died on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at Magnolias of Lancaster. Born in Coatesville, PA, she was the daughter of the late Stanley A. and Ethel K. Styer. She was married to Donald H. Betty who passed December 1, 2018. They celebrated 66 years of marriage on June 21, 2018.

She is survived by two sons: Clifford A. Betty of Denver, CO, husband of Barbara B. Betty; Wayne S. Betty of Mount Joy, PA husband of Janet D. Betty, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Also surviving are a niece, Sally Readinger of Wilkes-Barre, PA and a nephew, Alan Readinger of Reading, PA.

She was a member of the Donegal Presbyterian Church, the Donegal Historical Society, PA Women's Garden Club, PEO, Lancaster Opera Co., Iris Club and Women's Symphony Association.

A 1949 graduate of McCaskey High School, she also attended Millersville University and Elizabethtown College. She taught music at Lancaster Country Day School, started the kindergarten in Strasburg and taught in several one-room schoolhouses. She sang leading roles in several operas at the Fulton Theater, including Carmen, among others. She also directed choirs in various churches, including Donegal Presbyterian, Glosbrenner Methodist, Wayside Presbyterian, Trinity Methodist in Millville, NJ and the Episcopal Church in

Hutton Rudby, England.

A service of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, 2019, at the Donegal Presbyterian Church, 1891 Donegal Springs Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552 with Reverend Matthew D. Randolph officiating. There will be a visitation from 10:00 a.m. until time of service. Interment will be held in Donegal Presbyterian Memorial Garden.

Kindly omit flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Donegal Presbyterian Church, Building Fund, 1891 Donegal Springs Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552 or Homeland at Home, Hospice, 2300 Vartan Way, Suite 2700, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joan S. Betty*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dear Joan - I was in the children's chorus and you were Carmen! You were so beautiful - easily the best Carmen I ever experienced. May you rest in peace, and comfort, knowing all the joy and appreciation I feel, and as many others feel, remembering you and the great gifts you shared. Thank you my friend.*

*Fred Raffensperger, Boston*

Fred Raffensperger - April 30, 2019 at 02:32 PM



“ *To Wayne Betty and Family from all of your friends at Regency Executive Offices... we are all thinking of you and sending our deepest condolences. God Bless all of you during this very difficult time. We have lit a candle in your mothers name and in your fathers name who too, recently passed.*

*Carmen S, Partners, Tenants and Staff.*

Carmen - April 08, 2019 at 10:02 AM



*Thanks Carmen and to the rest of the folks at Regency!!*

Cliff Betty - April 14, 2019 at 07:43 PM

AH

“ I knew Joan from the Opera Company. We worked together on props on several occasions.

*Ann R. Humer (Conroy)*

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**Ann R. Humer** - April 07, 2019 at 06:38 PM

CB

*Thanks Ann. Mom very much enjoyed her time spent with the opera workshop.*

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**Cliff Betty** - April 14, 2019 at 07:36 PM

GB

“ I am remembering Joan at First Methodist as one of the Fab Four - John Darrenkamp, Dorothy Rose Smith, my Dad Bill Burnaford, and of course Joan. How lucky we were as children to listen and learn. Holding you all in the light.



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**Gail Burnaford** - April 07, 2019 at 09:30 AM

CB

*Thanks for your thoughts Gail. The Fab Four as you called them, did provide us with some wonderful music. Cliff Betty*

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**Cliff Betty** - April 07, 2019 at 10:53 AM

MW

“ I didn't really know Aunt Joan very much. Uncle Don did talk about her ALL of the time. Aunt Jane always told us wonderful things about her. My husband, Jeff said she was a loving, beautiful woman. Very artistic and just plain nice. I know you all will miss her so much. We will keep you in our prayers. But I know she is so happy to be back with Uncle Don.

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**MARY L WINTER** - April 06, 2019 at 12:50 AM

CB

*Thanks Mary and yes, she was all the above and more.*

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**Cliff Betty** - April 07, 2019 at 10:55 AM

BH

*Sending my sincere sympathy to Joan's family at this sad time of saying goodbye. I remember Joan as a great neighbor on Donegal Springs Road many years ago. One of the special memories was of her in costume on Halloween coming around in the neighborhood! We loved it, especially our kids, Carol and Kenny! She was a bright light in this world of ours and touched many lives with her talents and sparkling personality! I was privileged to know her and your Dad also! May God's healing love and grace sustain you in these sad days! Betty Henny*

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**Betty Henny** - April 10, 2019 at 02:23 PM

CB

*Thanks Betty. That witch costume survives today along with way too many Halloween decorations. She was a big fan of Halloween and Christmas. We appreciate your kind words.*

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**Cliff Betty** - April 14, 2019 at 07:41 PM

JS

*My first, beautiful Carmen. I was so young and cried buckets at the end of that opera. And although I cried I also developed a life-long love of opera. Thank you Joan, for your deliberate influence on my behalf upon several other notable occasions which sent wonderful opportunities my way. Blessings to the beautiful Betty families.*

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**Joanne Swords-Wang** - May 11, 2019 at 08:31 AM

MN

*To the Betty family,  
I have fond memories of Joan.  
She was my mentor in garden club.  
Her time and many talents were much appreciated by the ladies who loved her.  
May it comfort you to know she will be remembered by many friends.  
Blessings,  
Marilyn Nyland*

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**Marilyn Nyland** - May 14, 2019 at 08:19 AM