



Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Krechtler

January 24, 2024

Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Krechtler, 101, of Lancaster, PA passed away on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. Born in Ridgedale, SK Canada in 1922; she was the daughter of the late Amos Addison Wenger and Jean Edna Burns Wenger.

As an only child, she grew up in Aylsham, SK Canada. Betty served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. After the war, she attended the University of Toronto where she received a degree in Occupation Therapy. In 1960, Betty filled in for her roommate on a blind date. That chance encounter led her to meet and marry Alfred Krechtler, an American living in Ronks, PA. Betty worked at the Easter Seals Society in Lancaster from 1961 to 1963. Betty and Al were married for 29 years until his passing in 1989.

Betty is survived by her two children, Karl Krechtler and Ellen Krechtler, and her husband Todd Sturt; her two grandchildren, Jack Sturt and Sam Sturt; as well as her stepdaughters, Kathy Geddes, Liz Hoffmann, and Melinda Book.

Despite being totally blind in the last years of her life, she lived independently at Willow Valley North until age 100. She will be missed by her family and those fortunate enough to have known her.

Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the American Foundation for the Blind, 1108 Third Avenue, Suite 200, Huntington, WV 25701.