



Betty Sue Duty

January 18, 1939 - June 7, 2018

It is with profound sadness that we announce the death of Betty Sue “Plum” Duty of Chester, MD. Betty was 79 years old when she passed on Friday, June 7.

The second daughter of J. Willard and Eva “Kisamore” Plum, Betty was born on January 18, 1939, and spent her early years in Parsons, WV. Her parents known as Paw-Paw & Maw-Maw, and older sister moved between Parsons and Morgantown, WV, and Newport News, VA, before settling in the Silver Spring, MD area.

Shortly after graduation from Montgomery Blair High School, she married William H. “Bill” Duty, Jr., (deceased) and settled in the Olney, MD area. Bill & Betty proceeded to have seven children – Mary Beth Young (Donald), William H. “Butch” Duty, III (Janice), John A. Duty, Sr. (Jeannie), Carol Duty McGraw (Mark), Michael H. Duty-deceased (Kay), James Christopher Duty, and J. Scott Duty.

When her husband, Bill, got a job on the “new” Chesapeake Bay Bridge, the family relocated to Kent Island and the seeds of “Dutyville” began. During those early years on Main Street in Stevensville, then to Harbor View in Chester, she was active in the community as a Den Mother for the Cub Scouts, attended the Kent Island Methodist Church, supported the PTA in

local schools and the many sports leagues and clubs her 7 children participated.

Later in life she became long-term companions with Captain Walter Irving Maddox (deceased) of Charles County, MD. Betty and “Pop-Pop” Walter made a wonderful life together at her home on Crab Alley Drive for almost 30 years.

Betty worked as a legal secretary and office support staff before becoming the Administrator of The Maryland Waterman’s Association. For three decades she advocated for the commercial fisherman of MD before retiring about ten years ago. During her tenure, she served on many governmental committees and tirelessly worked with many elected officials and the Department of Natural Resources in managing the harvests from the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac Rivers. For many years she produced the East Coast Commercial Fisherman and Aquaculture Trade Expo held every winter in Ocean City, MD; served tens of thousands from the MD seafood stand at the Maryland State Fair; and the Chesapeake Appreciation Days festival held at Sandy Point State Park. One of her proudest achievements was the “Watermen in the Classroom” initiative that educated middle school aged children about what it means to be a waterman.

In addition to her children, she is survived by her sister, Jo Anne “Plum” Keister; eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and seven nephews and nieces.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018, from 5-7 p.m. with a service at 7 p.m. at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester, MD.

In lieu of flowers, make a donation in her name to the ALS Association, Gift Processing Center, PO Box 37022, Boone, IA 50037-0022 or the Kent Island

Volunteer Fire Department, 1610 Main Street, Chester, MD 21619.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Sue Duty*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 13, 2018 at 01:57 PM



“ *Betty Sue Duty*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Betty Sue Duty*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Betty Sue Duty*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Duty.*



June 14, 2018 at 01:03 PM

SF

“ *Sheila Fletcher-Stairs lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty*



Sheila Fletcher-Stairs - June 14, 2018 at 08:11 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Duty.*



June 13, 2018 at 10:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Duty.*



June 13, 2018 at 12:58 PM

KJ

“ *Keith, Tricia and Madison Jordan purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Betty Sue Duty.*



Keith, Tricia and Madison Jordan - June 13, 2018 at 10:31 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Duty.*



June 13, 2018 at 09:15 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Duty.*



June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Duty.*



June 13, 2018 at 06:59 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Duty.*



June 12, 2018 at 03:27 PM

HA

“ Henry Joseph, Steven Andrew -- Joe & Andy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Betty Sue Duty.



Henry Joseph, Steven Andrew -- Joe & Andy - June 12, 2018 at 11:43 AM

KS

“ Kathy N Karen Sadler lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty



Kathy n Karen Sadler - June 11, 2018 at 06:41 PM

CC

“ Chris Clough lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty



Chris Clough - June 11, 2018 at 03:56 PM

LP

“ Sincere condolences to your family.



Lisa Plummer - June 11, 2018 at 01:51 PM

KH

“ *Kim Honeycutt lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty*



Kim Honeycutt - June 11, 2018 at 12:04 PM

NW

“ *Nina White lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty*



Nina White - June 11, 2018 at 08:27 AM



“ *Vi Wallace lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty*



Vi Wallace - June 11, 2018 at 07:48 AM

CG

“ *Cynthia Goodman lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty*



Cynthia Goodman - June 10, 2018 at 10:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Duty.* ”



June 10, 2018 at 07:27 PM



“ *Tracy And Stacey Schulz lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty* ”



Tracy and Stacey Schulz - June 10, 2018 at 11:59 AM



“ *Angel & Mike Huffman lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty* ”



Angel & Mike Huffman - June 10, 2018 at 10:05 AM



“ *Annie M. Price lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty* ”



Annie M. Price - June 10, 2018 at 08:20 AM

TK

“ Tommy And Donna Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty



Tommy and Donna Kaufman - June 10, 2018 at 08:01 AM

SA

“ S. Andy lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty



S. Andy - June 09, 2018 at 11:07 PM

LS

“ Lawrence Schelts lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty



Lawrence Schelts - June 09, 2018 at 04:30 PM

TL

“ Tammy Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty



Tammy Larrimore - June 09, 2018 at 02:30 PM

MF

“ *Margie Freeman lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty*



Margie Freeman - June 09, 2018 at 12:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Duty.*



June 09, 2018 at 11:23 AM

SB

“ *I met Betty in 1990 because of Chesapeake Appreciation Days. And wonderfully she changed my life. I worked with her organizing CADays until it was no more. I also did my time a state fair then finally the trade show. Met many wonderful people through her. One day we did a trip to the islands....Kent, Hoopers, Tilghman, etc. When she needed a day off from caregiving she called me and off we went to Ocean City for French fries, pizza, ice cream, popcorn and a stop at the casino. To say I am going to miss her, well it has already started. So many good times. Rest easy Betty.*

Susan Bringen - June 09, 2018 at 10:43 AM

MB

“ *There were too many memories to share over the past 40 years. She cared so deeply for the MWA and watermen around the Bay. She came back two or three years ago to reinvent the Trade Show and she did it as only she could...a major success ever since. I will also keep her special bread pudding in my Christmas party memories! God Bless, Betty. RIP Mick Blackistone*

Mick Blackistone - June 09, 2018 at 10:29 AM

CT

“ *Colleen & Buddy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty*



Colleen & Buddy Thomas - June 09, 2018 at 10:03 AM

CT

Our thoughts and prayers are with you, may the love, legacy and treasured memories of your dear Mom live on in your hearts and bring you peace.

Colleen Thomas - June 09, 2018 at 10:06 AM

BD

So sorry to here of the loss of your mother. I'm sure you have many wonderful memories that will help comfort you. Buddy and Betty Dulin

Betty Dulin - June 09, 2018 at 04:10 PM

GP

“ *Gene & Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Sue Duty*



Gene & Lynda Palmatary - June 09, 2018 at 09:17 AM

KS

“ *The Sadler family*



Karen Sadler - June 09, 2018 at 08:29 AM

DF

“ *David, Annie Gardner & Famiky lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty*



David, Annie Gardner & Famiky - June 09, 2018 at 08:27 AM

LZ

“ *Rest peacefully, thank you for all you've done. Prayers to the family for comfort.*



Leslie Zell - June 09, 2018 at 08:21 AM

BC

“ I am so sorry for your families loss of Ms Betty she was one of the nicest people I ever met. Her love for the watermen and devotion to all of it was surely her call in life and what a wonderful job she did . My heart goes out to all of her family with prayers for comfort May you rest peacefully Ms Betty



Bonnie Coleman - June 09, 2018 at 08:06 AM

CT

“ Rest in peace "Mother Superior"



Carla (Stenger) Thorpe - June 09, 2018 at 07:29 AM

DH

“ Diane Hoxter lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty



Diane Hoxter - June 09, 2018 at 07:27 AM

LL

“ BJ and Brit, our sincere sympathies in the loss of your gram. Always hold the precious times you shared with her close to your hearts 💕💕. Love Aunt ?Linda and Wayne

Linda Laurinatis - June 09, 2018 at 05:48 AM

CE

“ *Candy Edwards lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty*



candy edwards - June 08, 2018 at 10:28 PM

JC

“ *June And Dabid Clark lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty*



June and Dabid Clark - June 08, 2018 at 09:43 PM

JT

“ *Judy Thompson lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty*



Judy Thompson - June 08, 2018 at 09:05 PM

SA

“ *Sewardie, Mary & Annie lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty*



Sewardie, Mary & Annie - June 08, 2018 at 07:21 PM

DT

“ WHAT A CLASSY LADY SHE WAS. WE COULD RUN ACROSS ONE ANOTHER AND PICK UP TALKING LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY. WE LOVED HER SENSE OF HUMOR AND FAIRNESS TO ALL. RIP MISS BETTY AND OF COURSE MOMMOM BETTY TO OUR CHILDREN.WE WILL NEVER FORGET YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR AND SOME OF THE THINGS YOU SAID AT THOSE THANKSGIVING DINNERS STILL MAKE US LAUGH TODAY. WE HOPE THAT YOU AND MR. WALTER ARE HAVING THAT BIG FISH FRY IN HEAVEN! OUR SINCERE THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOUR FAMILY.

Diana Tarrant - June 08, 2018 at 06:51 PM

DE

“ *Debi Egolf lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty*



Debi Egolf - June 08, 2018 at 04:55 PM

AR

“ *April R. lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Duty*



April R. - June 08, 2018 at 04:33 PM