



Elizabeth "Betty" G. Davis

October 23, 1920 - August 25, 2008

Elizabeth "Betty" Green Davis, of Chestertown, MD died peacefully after a long and fulfilling life on August 25, 2008. She was born October 23, 1920 in Lincoln, Nebraska to Roy M. and Norma Kidd Green. Beloved sister to Nancy Green Johnson, William Earl Green and Thomas F. Green, who preceded her in death. Wife and soul mate for 37 years of William "Bill" E. Davis who preceded her in death on April 29, 2008.

Raised in Lincoln, Nebraska by a civil engineer with a liberal-arts orientation and a writer/teacher mother who loved books, Betty graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1942 with majors in mathematics and chemistry. Married in May 1942 to her first husband, Gregory Carl Meyer, she moved to Wilmington, DE where she worked as an analytical chemist for the E.I. DuPont de Nemours, Inc. Betty had four children; Gerald H. Meyer (Bette), Margaret Boyd Meyer (Arthur Meyer Boyd), Catherine Webb (Wayne) and Gordon W. Meyer (Pat Nelson) who were born in Wilmington.

In 1951, the family moved to Elkton, MD where they frequently hosted international visitors and students. Betty served as swimming and lifesaving instructor and managed the Frenchtown Swimming Pool for several years. She was active as a Board member and volunteer youth leader for the YMCA as it pursued racial and religious integration in its activities throughout the community.

After moving to Newark, DE with her family in 1960, Betty earned an M.A. degree in Mathematics/Secondary Education at the University of Delaware. She worked in the University of Delaware Records Office and became the Scheduling Officer for the University. During this time she was a mentor to several student employees and, in the words of one, she “always worked to make the systems work for the benefit of the students first and the administration a close, but still, second.”

In November 1970, Betty married Bill Davis, and in 1972, they moved to Christchurch, New Zealand where she worked as a computer technician in the Accountancy Department at the University of Canterbury. There they made life-long friends and enjoyed an international life.

Upon returning to Newark, DE in 1980, Betty worked for Goldey-Beacom College as Director of the Academic Computing Center.

For over 65 years, Betty was an active member of P.E.O., a philanthropic organization sponsoring scholarship programs for women. She was initiated in 1941 in Chapter BY in Lincoln, Nebraska, became a charter member of Chapter B in Delaware and then was active in the Kent County group in her retirement years.

In 1991, Betty and Bill were among the first residents of Heron Point, a continuing care community in Chestertown, MD. A life-long gardener, Betty was a leader in the Landscaping and the Claymont Garden Committees, as well as in the Computer Users Group. She was active in the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown and sang in its choir, as well as participating in the Chester River Chorale. She also enjoyed swimming at the Washington College pool and walking on the grounds at Heron Point.

Betty is survived by her four children, four grandchildren, and three great grandchildren, and step children, Kathie Davis Thomas, Peggy Davis Porter, 4 step grandchildren and 5 step great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Wesley Hall, Heron Point, Chestertown, MD on Saturday Sept. 6, 2008 at 1:30 pm followed by a reception. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the PUMH Foundation, Inc. for the Heron Point Moore and Tobey Scholarship Fund for employee education or to the P.E.O. Foundation c/o Gerald H. Meyer, 7008 West Clinton Ave., Cleveland, OH 44102. Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newman Funeral Home, 130 Speer Rd., Chestertown, MD. 21620.

Previous Events

Service

SEP 6. 1:30 PM (ET)

Wesley Hall at Heron Point
501 E. Campus Ave
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ Elizabeth "Betty" G. Davis

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Elizabeth "Betty" G. Davis

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Elizabeth "Betty" G. Davis

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Your mother was very dear to me. She always had nice things to say and we shared some special moments. Especially at Halloween; we couldn't wait to see what each other dressed up as for the Halloween party. I loved coming to work and seeing her outside weeding the front entrance garden. She will surely be missed. Please accept my deepest sympathy. Fondly,
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August 28, 2008 at 09:07 AM