



## Betty Crocetti

July 7, 1921 - January 17, 2019

Betty Crocetti, 97, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 17, 2019. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lt. Col. Robert A. Crocetti. Betty is survived by her son, Mark M. (Dianne) Rose, step children, Robert Crocetti, Diane Kidwell, Rosemary Skidgel and Marie Palmer, grandchildren, Matthew Rose, Jennifer Glenfield and Erica Brunn, step grandchildren, Brian, Robert, Jeffrey and Kathleen Pellerin. She is also survived by many great grandchildren. Betty was a proud member of the Eastern Star and a long-time volunteer of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. Interment was held at Union Cemetery. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ In 2000 a woman came to the library and spoke with the manager. She knew the manager from her days at Hilltop and the manager invited her to start volunteering at Northern Lights. The woman's name was Betty. She had just lost her husband the year before and was happy to come volunteer. She was a great old lady with a sense of humor and fun stories to tell of her travels. She came once a week to volunteer and she stamped FOL books and restocked the FOL shelves in the lobby. When she had her 80th birthday in 2001 I got her 9 red roses—one for each decade she had lived and one to grow on. One day she called in sick and I asked her if she wanted me to bring her her reserves which had just come in. She agreed and I checked them out to her and took them to her house. In 2007 she was not feeling well and her doctor gave her a stress test and she had to go in for a double heart bypass. I visited her in the hospital and when she got transferred to a rehab facility I visited her there. Her son lived in Michigan and she had a stepdaughter who lived here but she was still working fulltime so she wouldn't be able to help Betty as much as she needed. Betty was talking about finding groups in Columbus who she could pay to do things for her, but I said why don't I do it. She agreed again. For 12 years I drove her to the grocery once a week, to the bank once a month, to her hairdresser once a week, to dozens of doctor appointments, to her cardiac exercise rehab. She still drove herself for some things but she eventually stopped driving altogether. I did odd jobs for her and helped her around her house and did so much else for her. She read voraciously and I reserved over 1,000 books for her. When ocular degeneration came she had to give up reading. We had over 500 lunches together. Her rehab nurses would ask her where she was going for lunch today and she'd say, "I don't know. Where ever Mike takes us—it's someplace new every time." The nurses would say how jealous they were that she got to go to lunch someplace new all the time. As she got older and sicker she needed more and more help. She passed away in early 2019 and I continued to help her and her son by clearing out her house and getting it ready for sale. I was sitting with her in the hospital the night she passed and she was sleeping and I didn't want to wake her up to just say hi. On

*my way home, she died. She was 97.*

**Mike Stasko** - March 14, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ *Betty Crocetti*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Betty, my step mom, has been a part of my and my brother and sisters' lives for over 40 years. We were very sad to hear of her passing. I would like to thank Mike for being there for Betty and taking care of her! I would also like to thank him for letting us know she was in the hospital and that she was not going to survive. It was difficult to hear, but because of her age, not a surprise. Mark, I hope you read this and that you could please gather my dad's possessions and send them to me or Bob, my brother or Dianne, my sister. We would really appreciate it if you could do that.*



**Rosemary** - January 19, 2019 at 09:53 PM