



Betty Lou Watkins

March 31, 1927 - November 15, 2020

Betty Lou (Rickly) Watkins peacefully passed away at Englewood Community Hospital, Englewood, Florida with her daughter and granddaughter by her side, and was welcomed into the arms of Jesus November 15, 2020. Betty was born March 31, 1927 in Columbus, Ohio to Oscar and Vera (Harris) Rickly. She is preceded in death by her husband Charles Richard Watkins, son, Charles Scott Watkins, granddaughter, April Lou Hitchcock, Betty is survived by her son, Jeffery (Peggy) Watkins, of Manitou Springs, CO, daughters, Cathy (Steve) Rippel, Delaware, OH and Vicki Thomas of OK; brother, William (Jeanne) Rickly of Westerville, Ohio; two sisters, Mina May Williamson of Gnadenhutten, Ohio, and Mary Ann (Tom), Storkel of Columbus, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren. many nieces and nephews; dear Canadian friends, The Hilderley families and many dear friends and neighbors. Betty was a homemaker, where she was always gardening, canning, sewing and making homemade pies. Betty was a past Eastern Star Worthy Matron and excelled at bowling having once a 300 series. Mom and Dad retired to Port Charlotte FL in 1984, where they enjoyed the retirement life until Dad's passing in 1989. Betty continue to live in Port Charlotte and was busy with her golf, taking computers classes, line dancing, playing cards, bingo, crossword puzzles (everyday), reading books by Danielle Steel, Nora Roberts and Nicholas Sparks her favorite authors, and working in her flower beds. She had a passion for sewing Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls for her church Rummage sales. She was a friend to whomever that

needed a ride to doctor appts, church and bingo. On Mom's 90th birthday, I had asked friends to shower her with birthday cards, and she received well over 100 cards. She was so overwhelmed and read each card over and over in fact when it was over she was disappointed when she went to the mailbox and there wasn't a card!. For two weeks prior there were cards in mailbox each day. I had asked her not to open any until I got to FL and on her birthday she could open them. Christina and I also held a surprise birthday party and she couldn't believe the local friends and neighbors that had come over to her home. That was such a fun day for her.

Special Thank you to Rosie Swisher for sitting with Mom until I got to her, and Deputy Collins, of the Englewood Sheriff Office for her loving care to Mom. Please if any elderly person living alone reading this obituary please have a life alert button with you at all times. Mom's outcome could have been different if she would have just worn hers.

A Private Family Graveside Service will be held at Kingwood Memorial Park November 27, 2020 at Noon. Pastor Phil Rode officiating.

In Lieu of flowers donations can be made in Betty's honor to Lewis Center United Methodist Church, 1081 Lewis Center Rd., Lewis Center, Ohio 43035. Mom you will be missed by many. Thank you for all the laughter and great times we always had. We have many memories you have left us with. Rest in peace Mom and I know you knew how much we loved you.

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Lou Watkins*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

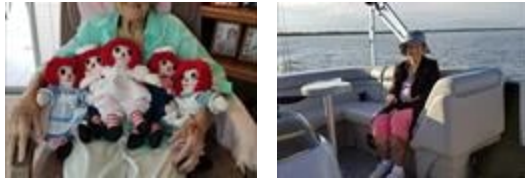


“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I am Martha Mc Glaughlin s daughter. We had so many good times at my mothers house and at Eastern Stars. Your mother sewed for me. Judy passed away in 2009 and we lost mother in 2011. Your mother had the prettist smile ,I will keep you all in my prayers. Peggy McGlaughlin Kessler.*

Peggy Kessler - November 26, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Sheree Purcell - November 25, 2020 at 12:16 PM



I will always treasure the memory of our visits and getting to know Aunt Betty Lou while playing Hand and Foot together ❤️

Sheree Purcell - November 25, 2020 at 12:20 PM

JW

Sheree, I talked a bit with John. Thank you for the photos, Peggy and I found new Ann and Andy's a few years back to send her for Christmas. I almost found some people to go to Moms from Ft. Myers dressed as Ann and Andy, but they backed out. Anyone, I've been in Manitou Springs for 40 years, so I've very little contact with any of my relatives Please call.

Thanks again, but what is Hand and Foot? Every time I made her laugh, I would remember was exactly like GrandPa Rickly

Jeffery

*719-685-1058 or email me, and I'll send something back.
kilovideo@gmail.com*

Jeffery Wayne - November 27, 2020 at 06:25 PM



Goodbye Grandma

Dustin Campbell - November 28, 2020 at 12:24 PM

JW

“ *Thank you Josh. Mom loved making RaggedyAnn/Andy outfits. Please call, 719-685-1058*

Uncle Jeff

Jeffery Watkins - November 24, 2020 at 02:32 PM

JW

“ *I will always remember her ability to drive big cars! her kindness, laughter & huge smile.*

Joshua Watkins

Joshua watkins - November 23, 2020 at 08:37 AM

MM

“ So sorry to hear of Betty-Lou's passing. I have many wonderful memories of her at McCarrels Lake. She was always laughing, smiling and joking around. I will always cherish my memories of the Watkins family.

Meghan McClelland - November 21, 2020 at 03:27 PM

JW

The last time I was there was 1969. As you headed into Cloudy, there was a very large mountain front that shifted to make a path. I went up 40-45 feet and swan dived several times that day. Thank you for sharing your thoughts of my Mom. I loved single skiing all my life with her. Can you give Cathy Hilderly my numbers?

Thank You

Jeffery Wayne - November 27, 2020 at 06:32 PM

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Cathy Rippel - November 21, 2020 at 12:20 PM

RC

Betty Lou-you were a beautiful woman inside and out! How I enjoyed your visits home! Such a loving, hard working good lady. You are dancing on the streets of gold with Jesus! May God bless you Steve, Cathy, Christina et al, and Greg. Sadly missed by Ray, Rosie, Elliott, Ian, and AJ Castle.

Rosemary Castle - November 23, 2020 at 11:14 AM

JE

Thank you for the kind words. I'm not sure whom you are, but easy to tell you were her friends. Please call, as anyone, to talk about the best Mom I ever had. Her laugh was the same as her Dad, Dr. Oscar.

I'm crippled and unable to travel on Friday. I am posting the following as I do not have any contacts in Ohio any more. Enjoy.

Jeffery 719-685-1058

*This is My sad mourning, God grant me a wish;
Moms spirit is soaring, and my life could use a lift.
Oh one day yet another, my spirit will be calling,
To seek where Her spirit strayed, to Her my love is longing.
We can't deny that miracles, may come true tomorrow,
She knew life can be practical, without greed hate and sorrow.
And these bad times can make us bitter, At these sad times found in fate;
But nowhere was Her love better, For her peace in heart now great.
So as a bell, can always ring, pain at thought of Her we may feel,
Just let the spirit inside us sing, of how our Love will always be real.
Love
Jeffery Wayne*

Jeffery - November 25, 2020 at 03:26 AM

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Cathy Rippel - November 21, 2020 at 12:17 PM

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Cathy Rippel - November 21, 2020 at 12:12 PM

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Cathy Rippel - November 21, 2020 at 12:08 PM

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Cathy Rippel - November 21, 2020 at 10:28 AM