



Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Thomas

June 10, 1926 - January 2, 2022

In celebration of this amazing woman's life Betty. A showing will be held January 10th 2022 at the Rutherford Funeral home from 4-6pm.

Born on June 10th 1926 to Ellen and Robert Couch, she was way beyond her years. Making her way as a woman, all on her own, and did it her way. At 18, made bombs for the war. Went to college. Married and had children. Around 1965 she bought her 1st carry-out. A small place on the corner of Hudson and Indianola. Success! Went into real-estate and found Country Carry-Out for sale in 1974. Opened her doors with less than 10.00 to her name, and neck high in debt. Success! Built the new carry-out, drive thru, restaurant, and office space upstairs in 1984. Again with great success. Traveled the world, skied great mountains, and flew a plane solo. Helped and encouraged other women to be independent and business owners. Mentored and gave children around the area jobs. She lived through many Ohio River flood, was robbed at gun point a few times, and wiped out on the slopes, usually a 10. BUT, got up and did it all again, her way. Many men could not have accomplished what she did! What a remarkable woman!!! Along the way, she met and became great friends with many people. She held dear to her some of those. Blessed with their love and friendship in return. At 95 1/2, she lived life with gusto and determination. SHE IS ALREADY MISSED.

She is survived by her children: sons, James "Jim" E. Hayes and Geary A. Lucas. daughters, Nancy E. Lucas and Lorie L. Lucas. Grandchildren, great grandchildren, and many, many great friends.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 10. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Thomas*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Betty was a firecracker. She was a one of a kind. I enjoyed getting to know her and learning from her. She rocked retirement like nobody else! One night during a big snow, I went into Powell and there was Betty skiing down the middle of the street. Her winter wardrobe always made me smile. Her fearlessness and adventurous spirit will always be with me.*

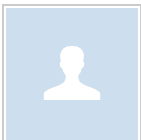
Marylou Tope-Lin - January 15, 2022 at 10:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Thomas.*



January 10, 2022 at 09:39 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Thomas.*



January 09, 2022 at 01:15 PM

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“ Aunt Betty was my Dad's only sibling. He passed in 1996. My best memories were of Aunt Betty and family coming to Nana's house, where we also lived, at Thanksgiving! That was in the late 50's, early 60's. Back then it snowed in November. There was a big hill (one lane road) behind our house and we would sleigh ride down that hill so many times, till our gloves were wet and our fingers froze! Then in the house for hot cocoa. We had so much fun back then!

Janice Johnson - January 04, 2022 at 03:25 PM