



Betty Mitchel Healy

May 22, 1925 - December 21, 2020

BLACKSBURG, VA — Betty Mitchel Healy passed away Monday, December 21, 2020 in Blacksburg at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Joseph Cox. She was 95 years old.

Betty was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 22, 1925. She was the youngest and last surviving of five children born to Alfred J and Mary (Hermanson) Mitchel. She married George S. Yagerman in 1946 and they had three children. After George died in 1962, she married Andrew T. Healy in 1967. Andrew died in 1995.

Betty graduated from Walnut Hills High School, Cincinnati, in 1943. Since she attended high school during an historic time, she recently was asked to donate her year book to the Holocaust Museum to become part of a special exhibition documenting American life during World War II.

In 1963 following the death of her first husband, Betty began working at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Miami Flight Service Station. She managed to raise her three children while working alternating day and night shifts providing weather and other vital data to flight crews. She continued to work for the FAA for about 25 years until her retirement. As she did everywhere, Betty established lasting bonds with her co-workers.

People who helped care for Betty during her later years described her as “feisty, “spunky and smart and a beautiful woman.” This is an opinion that was held by all who knew her. Betty loved keeping in touch with friends and family as a mentor and muse, never lacking for offering advice and encouragement. She also loved feeding the birds and watching the deer, rabbits, chipmunks and other wildlife in her back yard. She adopted a feral, outside cat, whom she called Izzy. Many people felt similarly nourished and protected by Betty!

While apolitical in her younger years, she became an avid follower of national government and political news as she aged. She enjoyed talking about current events, developed clear opinions, and was always perplexed when others did not share her views.

In addition to her daughter, Barbara, she is survived by two sons, Daniel E. Yagerman, of Tamarac, FL, and Steven J. Yagerman, of New York City; daughter-in-law Katherine L. Simmons of Indianapolis, IN; granddaughters: Rebecca Yagerman Deming and her husband Eric Deming, St. Petersburg, FL; Joanna Yagerman, Brooklyn, NY and Sarah Yagerman and her husband Durham Finney and their three year old daughter, Fiona, New York, NY; and Elizabeth Condon, Charleston, SC; grandson, Justin G. Yagerman, Miami, FL; She also is survived by several step grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. All of them felt a special connection to Grandma (Aunt) Betty!

Betty's family would like to express their sincere gratitude for the loving care she received during her final days. They are especially grateful for the support from Good Samaritan Hospice, Warm Hearth at Home, and the medical staff at Lewis Gale Montgomery Regional Hospital.

Betty will be interred along with her late husband, Andrew T. Healy Jr., at Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, OH. A memorial service will be planned at

the Spring Grove Cemetery at a future date when health concerns permit travel and gatherings.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations to Good Samaritan Hospice, Roanoke, VA. be considered.

Tribute Wall



“ *My life has truly been enriched by knowing this amazing woman. I loved talking politics with her and her feisty sense of humor could entertain me for hours. She was kind and always took the time to ask me about my mom. During one of many memorable visits I was excited to share with her that I was pregnant and before I could say the words she blurted it out. Smiling like she intuitively knew the entire time I was trying to find my words. I was so happy that 11 months later I was able to introduce my son to her. I will cherish those pictures and the talks we had about motherhood and politics for the rest of my days. I truly feel as though she is an Angel that will welcome me home some day. Betty you were a remarkable woman and I will forever cherish the moments we had together.*

Debbie Cox - January 03, 2021 at 01:25 AM

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Kate Ferreira - December 30, 2020 at 04:05 PM

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“ Aunt Betty was a giver. More than that she cared. Always making sure everyone had what they needed. The pool! She definitely put up with a lot of shenanigans. Her smile and laughter I remember! Gretchen the dachshund who would greet us ! Uncle Drew taught us how to “dive” by being frogs on the side of their pool. She loved my long auburn hair and always wanted to “cut it a little bit” 😂 Now looking at my moms cutting my whole childhood might have been different. 😂😂 Time gets away from us and people move away. Glad she had a happy and long life near her loved ones. Sincerely my heart goes out to you. God Bless you Kelly King

Kelly King - December 30, 2020 at 03:28 PM

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Meant to do smile face. She gave us happy memories.

Kelly King - December 30, 2020 at 03:45 PM

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“ There are so many memories that go back 54 years. Aunt Betty & Uncle Drew, Gretchen, and a pool I swam in for countless hours. Betty was an inherited “aunt” by marriage. The only relation I had with a direct, laser focused, comment that was practical and always helpful. She had a great sense of humor and the laugh to go with it! She loved her children and grandchildren. I will remember her fondly and always with love. The family is in my thoughts and prayers. May she Rest In Peace with the Lord.

Kate Ferreira - December 30, 2020 at 02:21 PM

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“ I first met & worked with Betty in Miami at the FAA and we became instant friends. She was with me through my wedding, the birth of my two children, the death of my brother and these last 45 years. We will always treasure the visits from Drew & Betty. We always learned from them, laughed hard & hated to see them leave. She will truly be missed. May she forever Rest In Peace ❤️

Sally - December 28, 2020 at 07:59 PM

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“ Worked alongside Betty in Miami at the FAA. She had a great sense of humor and was quick witted. I enjoyed talking to her in the later years and reminiscing about the past. May she Rest In Peace.

David Schwartz - December 25, 2020 at 11:20 PM