



Elizabeth "Betty" Orndorff

February 12, 1939 - March 5, 2023

Elizabeth "Betty" Orndorff, 84, of Christiansburg, VA, passed away peacefully on March 5, 2023.

Betty is survived by her husband of 56 years, P. Barry Orndorff; their three children and spouses, Stephen and Carrie Orndorff (Bailey, Emily, and Chase) of Christiansburg, VA; Jon and Jennifer Orndorff (Evan) of Winston-Salem, NC; and Paul and Deborah Amos (Carter and Griffin) of Chesterfield, VA; and her very special great-granddaughter, Lilli Elizabeth Davis. She is also survived by her sister, Margaret Heberlein of New Bern, NC, as well as numerous nieces and nephews spread out across the country. Betty is preceded in death by her parents George and Mildred Steeb.

Betty was born in Buffalo, NY, on February 12, 1939. In 1960, Betty graduated from Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Music (Organ) and received a Master of Music (Organ) degree in 1963. Additionally, she studied under the world-renowned organist and Johann Sebastian Bach scholar, Helmut Wacha, in Germany.

Betty taught music and German at Marion College in Marion, VA, in the mid-1960s. While at Marion College, Betty's life changed after being set up on a blind date with Barry. The two were engaged five days later, married in 1967, and spent the last 56 years together with moves to Florida, Michigan, West Virginia and finally back to Virginia.

She served for several years as the organist and choir director at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Marion, and Calvary Episcopal Church in Ashland, KY, as

well as an organist at other churches. Upon her first visit to Christ Episcopal Church in Blacksburg, VA, in 1994, she was offered and accepted the organist and choir director positions in the church. She was a member of The Order of the Daughters of the King and the American Guild of Organists.

Betty was a faithful volunteer at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery. She was a fixture at the front information desk for 28 years and was proud of her 5200 hours of service. That dedication earned her recognition as a LewisGale Volunteer of the Year.

In remembrance of Betty Orndorff and in lieu of flowers, the family asks that any donations be directed to Christ Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 164, Blacksburg, VA 24063-0164; Website: Giving | Christ Episcopal Church (christchurchblacksburg.org).

A service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 120 Church Street NE, Blacksburg, VA, at 1 p.m., on March 18, 2023. The family will receive guests at a reception at the church immediately thereafter.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

Christ Episcopal Church
120 Church St. NE
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Orndorff.



March 18, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ Sad to hear passing of Mrs Orndorff. I was good friend of son Steve and daughter in law Carrie. May her memory be eternal. Mary Dooley and family.

mary Dooley - March 17, 2023 at 03:14 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Orndorff.



March 15, 2023 at 07:39 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Orndorff.



March 14, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Orndorff.*



March 14, 2023 at 05:07 PM



“ *I will never forget the wonderful memories working with Betty at Lewis Gale Hospital Montgomery. Every time I would come into work on the days that she was volunteering I always knew that my day would be amazing. RIP Betty!*



Skylar Shelton - March 11, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ *With love, John and Marsha purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Orndorff.*



With love, John and Marsha - March 10, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Orndorff.*



March 10, 2023 at 09:02 AM