



Betty Coley

June 24, 1914 - June 21, 2017

Betty Coley, 102, with family at her side, peacefully went to meet her Lord on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 3 days' shy of her 103rd birthday. She was born June 24, 1914 in Germantown, PA to Sara and James St. Claire Smith. She is preceded in death by her parents and her husbands, Wallace E. Britton and Samuel R. Coley. Betty is survived by her daughters, Dorinda B. Rote and Bonita Britton Longaker & husband Bruce; grandchildren, William J. Freeland, Jennifer Towers Neilon, Wendy Miller, Gerry Rote, Michael Rote, and David Rote; great grandchildren, Jordan, Bryce, Sydney, Meredith and Bobby, as well as her very good friend Sherri Loeffelholz.

Betty grew up in the Germantown, PA area and raised her family in the Pocono Mountains. She moved to the St. Petersburg, Florida area in 1953 where she spent many wonderful years. She moved to Houston in 2014 at age 100 to be closer to her family.

Betty traveled extensively, primarily with her late husband Sam, to all parts of the globe. She enjoyed dancing, horseback riding, boating and fishing. Her all-time favorite hobby was golf, which she played into her 90's. Betty was an honest, gentle lady with a strong will and conviction. She loved her Lord and her family. She was loved by those who knew her and will be greatly missed by all.

The Funeral Service celebrating Betty's life will be held Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 11:30 AM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079. A reception will follow services in the Grand Room at Dettling Funeral Home. Mrs. Coley will be laid to rest in South Park Cemetery following services. In addition to the customary remembrances, please consider contributions in Betty's memory to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org .

Cemetery Details

Southpark Cemetery

1310 North Main St.
Pearland, TX 77581

Previous Events

Service

JUN 27. 11:30 AM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Reception

JUN 27. 12:15 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Coley*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Betty Coley*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



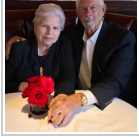
“ *Betty Coley*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Betty Coley*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Bonnie, Bruce, and family, I will be forever grateful for Betty's friendship and love for my mother, LaBeth. Their close friendship helped my mother tremendously after the loss of my father. She was able to move past her grief so much more quickly. I enjoyed getting to know Betty. She had such a quick wit and made us laugh! She was always upbeat and a joy to be around. My mom misses her terribly and I know that while she may find a new friend, there will never be another friend she will love as much as she did Betty!*

Betty told me the night my husband and I took Mom and Betty to dinner about someone introducing her to Chocolate Martinis. I tried one shortly after that and had one again last night, I thought of Betty each time and know that I will always think of her any time I enjoy that particular drink -- or when I put ice cubes in my glass of wine from a box! I actually do that, too!

I am so thankful to have had Betty in our lives (my familys') and will never forget her.

Beth Crosby - July 02, 2017 at 09:35 PM

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“ *I will always hold Mrs. Betty's love and warmth in my heart. Since the day that I met her she always treated me so well. She used to tell me all the time that she wanted to adopt me as her own. it meant so much to me knowing how much of a caring soul she was and always will be. Not only to me but to so many others anywhere she went. she will be missed deeply. her legacy will sure live on at The Solana. she sure blessed this world with 102 almost 103 wonderful years of blessings. There was not one person that wasn't touched by her charm. Thank you Longaker family for sharing her with me for the past year and for gracing The Solana with her presence for many more.*

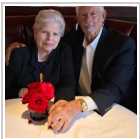


*We love you,
We miss you,
We will always remember our queen,*

with all my love,

Bri

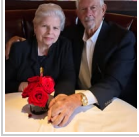
Bri - July 02, 2017 at 05:33 PM



“ *From Jerry Robinson, Betty's Tablemate at The Solana*

I was a newcomer to the table. She sat directly across from me and she would say, "Pass me the salt - I can't see your face, but I know you're there!" She was lots of fun and I learned a lot from her. We all miss her everyday and share our stories about her.

Beth Crosby - July 02, 2017 at 05:06 PM

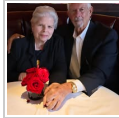


“ *From Rosalie Cotrone, Betty's Tablemate at The Solana:*

The thing I remember about Betty the most is her wanting to get on the bus every time it was going anywhere. Even though she had bad eyesight, she would still clean her plate! She was a good friend and we all miss her every day! She seemed to always be happy. We were "The Golden Girls"!

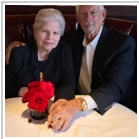
Please accept our condolences to you and your family.

Beth Crosby - July 02, 2017 at 05:04 PM



Rosalie would like to thank you for the gift of the lift chair and thinks of Betty every time she lays on it. Thank you, so much!

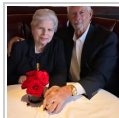
Beth Crosby - July 02, 2017 at 05:20 PM



“ *I will always miss Betty. She was a special lady and I love her - as do all the ladies at Betty's Table.*

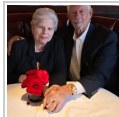
Bonnie, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Beth Crosby - July 02, 2017 at 05:00 PM



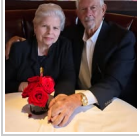
This message is from Margurite Pennington, Resident of The Solana and Betty's table mate

Beth Crosby - July 02, 2017 at 05:00 PM



Marguirite remembered that Betty would sometimes ask her to read something, forgetting that Margurite's eyesight is bad, too! They would laught about that.

Beth Crosby - July 02, 2017 at 05:12 PM



“ I was tablemates with Betty and enjoyed her humor and her friendship with all of us at The Solana. She was a very special person and I enjoyed getting to know her.

We will miss her smile and funny quips during our time together.

*Esther Horton, Resident at The Solana
Betty's Table*

Beth Crosby - July 02, 2017 at 04:57 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Coley.



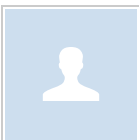
June 26, 2017 at 10:15 AM



“ Davy, Renee, and Dorinda Rote purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Betty Coley.



Davy, Renee, and Dorinda Rote - June 26, 2017 at 10:10 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Coley.



June 25, 2017 at 03:36 PM

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“ *I am sorry to hear about Aunt Betty, I had good times with her and Uncle Rayner in the mountains, when we stayed with them. Thinking of you in this difficult time. Vicki Smith*

vicki smith - June 25, 2017 at 08:46 AM