



Betty Lowe Eaton

April 20, 2011

Betty Lowe Eaton, 78, passed away April 19, 2011 surrounded by her family after a year-long battle with brain cancer. She was born in Birmingham, Alabama and moved to Portsmouth in 1937, and grew up in Prentice Park. She graduated from Wilson High in the Class of 1950; attended the Norfolk extension of the College of William & Mary for two years and transferred to the main campus in Williamsburg, graduating with a degree in Elementary Education. Upon graduation, she married James W. Eaton, Jr., also of Portsmouth and moved to Durham while he completed his degree from Duke University.

Betty greatly enjoyed her time teaching and counseling students in Chesapeake. After teaching English for many years at Western Branch Junior High, she returned to school and received a Masters in Elementary Counseling from Old Dominion University. She served as a counselor at several schools in Chesapeake, particularly appreciating her time at Camelot Elementary.

Betty was a wonderful woman of faith. She and Jim were active members at Churchland Baptist Church for over forty years, where she taught Sunday School and served as a deacon. Following their move to the Eastern Shore, she connected with a friend from William & Mary, who introduced her to Franktown Methodist. Always an enthusiastic and energetic church member, she enjoyed volunteering in various programs supporting people on the Eastern Shore and orphanages in Russia.

Betty also loved to sing. She contributed her beautiful soprano voice to many different choirs, including the William and Mary Choir and the Common Glory chorus. She joyfully sang with the Churchland Baptist Church and Franktown Methodist Church choirs.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and her teaching sorority Delta Kappa Gamma. She also was a leader in organizing reunions for her Wilson High class.

Betty was predeceased by her parents, Gentry Hearde Lowe, Sr. and Sallie Colley Lowe and her sister Abbey Marie Haire. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, James W. Eaton, Jr., her brother Gentry H. Lowe, Jr., and her children and their families: James and Lissa Eaton of Fredericksburg, VA; Edward and Sue Eaton of Chesapeake, VA; Lynn Eaton of Durham, NC; and Thomas and Alison Eaton of McLean, VA. She loved and enjoyed her 9 grandchildren and her nephews and nieces.

The family greatly appreciated the care provided by her primary caregivers. Memorial contributions can be donated to Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market Street, Suite #3, Onancock, VA 23417 or any organization of your choice.

Funeral services and burial will be held at Churchland Baptist Church in Chesapeake at 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, April 23, 2011. Visitation will be held at Loving Funeral Home, 3225 Academy Ave., Portsmouth from 6 pm – 8 pm on Friday, April 22, 2011

Tribute Wall



“ To Mr. Eaton and Family,
I was so sorry to hear about Mrs. Eaton. She was my supervising counselor at Camelot Elementary School. Our frindship grew beyond intern and counselor, but to a wise and beautiful friend. I have now served as a guidance counselor for 17 years and I owe my start to her. As a fellow sister in the Lord, she has also encouraged the growth of Grace Entwined Ministries, ministry of my husband I. she was jewel and now she's home.

Gayle M. Gilmore

www.graceentwinedministries.com##imported-begin##Gayle Gilmore##imported-end##

April 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ The staff at Kiptopeke Elementary School mourns the loss of our wonderful volunteer, Miss Betty. She was a kind, thoughtful woman who was loving with the students. We are sad to hear of her passing but glad that her suffering has ended. May your memories and faith keep you strong at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Etta Robins##imported-end##

April 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jim and Family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Betty. I have known her my whole life since we both grew up in Jackson Memorial. She was a lovely lady and compassionate counselor and friend. My prayers are with you and your family. Susan Cross##imported-begin##Susan Cross##imported-end##

April 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We are very sorry to read about your loss. Very fond memories of talking with Betty over the years while Jim prepared our taxes. And equally fond memories of our shared church and neighborhood experiences with Sue, Eddie, and Betty's grandchildren. Our prayers are with your family.

Patti and Ray Bozman##imported-begin##Ray Bozman##imported-end##

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“ Lynn -

My thoughts & prayers are with you & your family during this difficult time. Your mom was such a lovely lady.

Melinda Lawson Smith##imported-begin##Melinda Lawson Smith##imported-end##

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“ Betty was a fellow Sunday School classmate and a dear friend. We will miss her not only at church but in the community as well. We know she is now pain free, celebrating, and singing once again. Love to you Jim and the family##imported-begin##Margaret and Bart Holland##imported-end##

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“ I remember Betty fondly. She was my English teacher at Western Branch Jr. High during the 1988-1989 school year. She was patient and kind with her students, and I'm glad to have known her. My thoughts and prayers go our to the family.##imported-begin##Michael Kitchens##imported-end##

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“ Betty and I shared a day Tuesdaysvolunteering at the gift shop at the hospital and I always looked forward to seeing her and hearing about trips to China and other exotic places, seeing the photos. We also belonged to the DAR and went to lots of meetings together. She was quietly efficient and when she offered an opinion it was obviously well thought out. I will miss her lots. She was a good woman.##imported-begin##Betsy Mapp##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry for your lost. I worked with Betty at Chittum Elementary School in the 1980's and she was such a sweet, dear friend. Always had such a sweet smile on her face and the children she taught dearly loved her. My prayers will be with the family.

Sandy Umberger##imported-begin##Sandra Umberger##imported-end##

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“ Word just can't express our sorrow for Betty's family. We can honestly say that We have never met anyone as kind, loving and sincere as this wonderful woman. She was loved by many and will be greatly missed. We pray that you will find comfort in her memories and peace in our Lord. We know that there's alot of rejoicing going on in the Heavens as they receive yet another beautiful angel.##imported-begin##Randi and Mickey Merritt##imported-end##

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