



Betty Lambdin

October 29, 2019

Betty Wagner Lambdin, long time resident of the Churchland area, passed away on the 29th of October.

Her final days were spent surrounded by family and friends, whom she had impacted.

Betty was born in Cleveland, Ohio to Ernest and Elizabeth Bem Wagner. She graduated from Ohio University, before moving to Chicago to begin her career in advertising. While there, she reconnected with Charles Lambdin. They were wed in 1952. She then became a Navy officer's wife and accompanied Charles to his duty stations throughout the United States and around the world.

Betty loved painting, especially watercolor, stamp collecting, playing bridge, and socializing. She was known for her wonderful sense of humor and her generosity, and was a patron to the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, visiting anytime she could.

Betty was also a prominent member of many organizations. She was a long-time member of the Elizabeth River Artists, Student's Club, The Forum, and the Red Hat Society. In 2005 she was recognized for her 25 years of dedication and service benefiting the Portsmouth Museums.

Betty also enjoyed traveling. In fact, she traveled right up until the end, going on a Disney cruise with her children just two months ago. She loved making scrapbooks of her travels, which she shared with anyone willing to listen.

She is survived by her daughter Debbi of Santa Barbara, California, and her two sons, Jeffrey of Lumberton, North Carolina and Robert of Lexington, South Carolina. In addition, she had four loving grandchildren, William, John, Elizabeth Ann, and Mary Nell who brought her great joy. She is also survived by her great-granddaughter, Vivien.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial gifts may be made to Saint Christopher's Episcopal Church,

3300 Cedar Lane, Portsmouth, VA 23703. A memorial service will be held in her honor on Sunday, December 1st at 3:00 PM. Her remains will be placed in Arlington National Cemetery with her beloved husband, Charles.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Christopher's Episopal Church
3300 Cedar Lane
Portsmouth, VA

Entombment

JUL 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, VA

Tribute Wall

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“ *Gayle Paul lit a candle in memory of Betty Lambdin*



Gayle Paul - December 01, 2019 at 07:20 AM

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I have so many fond memories that grew from working with Betty at the Portsmouth Museums. It grew beyond that as Betty welcomed me and others into her family gatherings during the holidays. I so enjoyed her sense of humor and share in the love and gratitude for Betty. To her family and loved ones, she is so missed and loved by many.

Gayle Paul - December 01, 2019 at 07:30 AM

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“ *Betty was a gift to my life. She was a bridge and travel buddy and friend. She was a true renaissance woman and totally irreplaceable. I loved her and will miss her so much. My deepest sympathy to her much beloved family.*

Peg Hartman

Peg Hartman - November 04, 2019 at 06:53 AM

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Betty is fondly remembered by her friends with the Elizabeth River Artists. Her contributions to the art community are an ongoing inspiration. Our deepest sympathies to her loving family. Elizabeth River Artists members.

Elizabeth River Artists - November 13, 2019 at 03:02 PM

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Betty was a breath of fresh air to everyone that knew her. She always would talk about her family and love to travel. I remember I did a favor for her and in turn she made me cookies. She will truly miss. Now she is with Charles and no more pain. Our prayers go out to the family of Betty.

Jim & Cheryl Bell

Cheryl Bell - December 01, 2019 at 03:23 PM