



Elizabeth Ann Parsons

September 21, 2009

On September 20, 2009 Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Parsons 80, lost her battle with cancer while she was surrounded by her family. Born the oldest daughter to the late Earle Francis & Lillian Winifred Ireland in Syracuse, New York. She met the love of her life while working at General Electric in New York and wed on her birthday to John Milton Parsons in 1958 and moved to Portsmouth, VA in 1966. She was predeceased by a brother, Fred Ireland and a sister Mary Cappelletti. Betty retired from Portsmouth Public Schools as a medical clerk. She was an active member of Centenary United Methodist Church as well as the Churchland Senior Club of which she was past president for three years. She also participated in PAGO Portsmouth Area Golden Olympics earning several medals and creating many memories.

Mrs. Parsons is survived by her husband, John of almost 51 years of marriage. She is also survived by her five children, Nancy Wilson of Middletown, MD; Betsy Parsons of Portsmouth, VA; Jack Parsons and wife Debbie of Chesapeake, VA; Susie Knotts and husband Don of Portsmouth, VA; and Sharon Stuhmer and husband Pat of Virginia Beach, VA. She is survived also by her 9 grandchildren Holly, Austin, Kristin, Lexi, Kyle, Evan, Sarah, David & Robert. She is also survived by her Brothers Lee Ireland & wife Judy of North Syracuse, NY and Jack Ireland of Williamstown, NJ as well as many nieces & nephews.

The family will greet friends from 6-8 pm Friday, September 25th at Loving Funeral Home on Academy Avenue in Portsmouth, VA. There will be a celebration of her life held Saturday, September 26th 10am at Centenary United Methodist Church on Cedar Lane in Portsmouth. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Centenary United Methodist Church in Betty's memory. The family would like to thank you for the love, support & prayers from everyone throughout her illness.

Betty loved Pink. In her honor, the family wishes you to wear pink for visitation and her funeral service.

Tribute Wall



“ I regret that I was out of town and unable to attend Betty's service. I know she was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother because of the friendship I share with one of her daughters. May each of you be blessed at this time and in the future by all the memories she left with you.##imported-begin##Helen Potter##imported-end##

October 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so sorry to read about the passing of Mrs. Parsons. I hope many memories of happier times will help get you through the sorrow.

With much sympathy,

Cydney Cavender

CHS Teacher##imported-begin##Cydney C. Cavender##imported-end##

September 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ John & Family,
My heartfelt sympathy to all of you. She will be missed dearly.

Lois T. Butler

Churchland Senior Club##imported-begin##Lois Butler##imported-end##

September 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ John and family Betyy was a great person and she will be missed.##imported-begin##Edith Coker##imported-end##

September 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Kyle and Lexi, you are in my thoughts, heart, and prayers. You know where to find me if you need anything.##imported-begin##Mr Neumann##imported-end##

September 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ It saddened me to hear of your loss. When the Lord calls our loved ones home, he leaves a gift of memories in exchange. Hold on to your memories, and let them help you through this time of sadness. They are treasures to carry wtih you always. Find comfort in knowing you were a very special part of her life and her yours! Love & blessings, Sharon Haberman Senior Friendship League##imported-begin##Sharon##imported-end##

September 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ May you find the peace in the memories you cherish in this great loss of your dear mother.
May God bless you and your family;
Sherry and Jim##imported-begin##Jim & Sherry Layton##imported-end##

September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Sharon, I have so many happy memories of spending time with your family when I was younger. Your mom was a very special person and I feel so lucky to have known her. You and your family are in our prayers. Linda Hendrix Woody###imported-begin###Richard and Linda Woody###imported-end##

September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ John and family, I was fortunate to know "Betty" for many years. She always provided happiness, humor, love and a great personality. My prayers are with you and family.###imported-begin###David Rotundo###imported-end##

September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Nancy and family,
We are all so sorry for your loss. Please know that we are thinking of you.
Much love,
Nan,Bill,Katie and Becky Johnson###imported-begin###Nan McCorkle###imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you in your loss.###imported-begin###Jane Pass###imported-end##

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“ *My heartfelt condolences to all the family members.*
Mark Swilley”

September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *John,*
We share fond memories of you and Betty in our Senior bowling league. We will miss her delightful humor. We have you and your family in our prayers.
Gerald & Olive”

September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mike and I were always so happy to see her smiling face when we arrived at church. Centenary was a much warmer place because of her. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*”

September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Susie, I am sorry to hear of your loss. I spent many days at your home playing when I was a kid. Your mother was very kind to me and my sister and I want to know that you and your family are in my prayers.*”

September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Darlene Cassidy
Piedmont Supply, Inc##imported-begin##Darlene
Cassidy##imported-end##

September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Susie, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your mother was always so sweet to me when ever I came over to your house as a child. She made a lasting impression with me. I will keep you and all your family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Beth Rose Key##imported-end##

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“ My family sends your family condolencse, may God bless you and yours.##imported-begin##Malcolm##imported-end##

September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Betty's passing. She could always be relied on to be a bright spark of light and energy every Sunday morning at church. We will all surely miss her quick wit and her joyful smile.

Lee-Ann O'Dell##imported-begin##Lee-Ann O'Dell##imported-end##

September 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Parson's family:*

My heart felt condolences to you all. May this loss bring your family closer together.##imported-begin##Matt Kulik##imported-end##

September 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear John,*

Even though we have only recently met through Pat, we will miss Betty. Betty made the cookouts so much fun. She had such an outgoing personality and quick wit. She was always willing to help out,too. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. I know she holds a special place in all of your hearts. We pray that God will give you peace, and that your precious memories will sustain you until you meet again.##imported-begin##John and Sharon McCormick##imported-end##

September 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *We send our deepest sympathies on your loss. She is in a better place and rests in the arms of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. Bob and Doris##imported-begin##Robert &Doris Stuhmer##imported-end##*

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“ *May Almighty God of all comfort and tender mercies comfort the Parsons family 2 Cor. 1:3,4,
The hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice And come out, Almighty God will wipe out every tears from their eyes and death Will be no more, May these thoughts be of some comfort.*
gingerrobison@bellsouth.net###imported-begin##Ginger Robinson###imported-end##

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“ *We pray that God will comfort and keep you and give you great peace.*

With love from the Brooks Family.###imported-begin##John Brooks###imported-end##

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“ *It is never easy when a loved one dies. We pray to God for comfort for your family during this difficult time of grieving. May the memory of the love and happy memories of your loved one bring you joy and peace.*

With Love in Christ,###imported-begin##New Creation Youth###imported-end##

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“ Sharon and Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. My Condolences go out to you and your family. May God continue to bless and comfort you and your family through this time.##imported-begin##Rosalind Miller##imported-end##

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“ To the Parsons Family,
I am sorry to hear of your loss. My condolences to you Sharon, and to your family. All will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Margaret Van Liere##imported-end##

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“ After the few times of meeting Betty, I've realized she was a very kind loving woman and I really liked her. Saying that, I am very sorry to here about losing her, she is the kind of people we need in this world##imported-begin##Nicole Flowers##imported-end##

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“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. Please let me know if you all need anything at all.##imported-begin##Crystal Flowers##imported-end##

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“ All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Betty will be dearly missed. She was a beautiful person.

love,

The Metcalfe Family##imported-begin##CAROLYN
METCALFE##imported-end##

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“ Nancy and family,

We are so sorry for the loss of your Mama. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Love, Kel & Deb##imported-begin##Debbie Jesse & Keldra
Morningstar##imported-end##

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“ To the Parson's family:

My heart felt condolences to you all. Betty was fortunate to have the love of all of you! You all are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Jodi Yacks##imported-end##

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