



Betty Mae (Tannahill) (Holtzclaw) Ellett

September 4, 1926 - December 3, 2020

Bette Mae (Tannahill) (Holtzclaw) Ellett,

Born September 4, 1926 to Walter and Bertha (Mjelde) Tannahill in Victoria de Las Tunas, Cuba, died at Carmel Care Health and Living, Carmel, IN, on December 3, 2020. Ms. Ellett was raised in Waukegan, IL, where she graduated from Waukegan Township High School and attended the University of Illinois. She married the late Joseph P. Holtzclaw, Jr., in 1947 and raised three children with him in Plymouth, Indiana.

In Plymouth, Betty was instrumental in the start-up of the WTCA Radio Station and also helped to establish the first Duplicate Bridge Club there. She was active in the First Methodist Church and in Delta Theta Tau Sorority.

Betty later moved to Santa Ana, CA, where she worked in Accounts Receivable of a large interior décor company in Costa Mesa. While in California, she attended the Golden West, Coastline, and Orange Coast College, and took various accounting and business management courses.

She married the late Jolan T. Ellett and shared life with him for several years.

Ms. Ellett returned to Indiana in 1985 to live near her daughter, Pam, and family in Kokomo, IN.

While in Kokomo, Betty celebrated becoming Life Master in Duplicate Bridge. She loved playing Bridge with her grandsons and later, her great-grandsons. After moving to Indianapolis, then living with her daughter, she played the game online everyday with friends and family.

Surviving Ms. Ellett are two children, Pamela K. Lyon (Robert), Noblesville, IN,

and Jeffry C. Holtzclaw (Tina), Plymouth, IN; six grandchildren, Robert W. Lyon (Michelle), Joseph W. Lyon (Amy), F. Dominic Lyon (Jamie), Kristen D. Brody (Chris), Kristian J. Holtzclaw (Cristy) and Lacy E. Martin. In addition, Ms. Ellett adored her 14 great-grandchildren: Amanda Chitwood, Caleb Lyon, Jayden Lyon, R.J. Lyon, Brady Lyon, Carly Lyon, Nico Lyon, Steven Brody, Erik Brody, Audrey Brody, Elizabeth Holtzclaw, Jacob Holtzclaw, Jeremy Holtzclaw and Joshua Holtzclaw. Ms. Ellett also loved her four great-great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Liam, Lukas and Cali. Ms. Ellett's son, Steven Lewis Holtzclaw, preceded her in death.

A celebration of the life of Betty Ellett will be held at a later date. Memorial gifts may be sent to St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 100 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46260. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

Tribute Wall

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“ I never knew Betty or her family or friends, but I just wanted to leave a message here because I felt it was the right thing to do. I recently bought a sweater with the name “Betty Ellett” handwritten in the tag, and curiosity got the best of me, so I searched her name. I was heartbroken to find that the previous owner is no longer with us, but I’m glad to know what kind of a woman she was. Betty and her family are in my prayers, even though I didn’t know her. I wish I had the chance, because it seems as though she was an amazing woman. I hope I can carry on her memory.



Steph - December 22, 2020 at 09:20 PM

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“ Rhonda Eaton lit a candle in memory of Betty Mae (Tannahill) (Holtzclaw) Ellett



Rhonda Eaton - December 10, 2020 at 11:36 PM

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“ Betty was always a favorite of mine since I first met her at a bridge event with her grandson, Bob. We were delighted when she moved to Indianapolis a few years ago and we saw her more often at the bridge table. The thing I will most remember about her is the adoration she received from children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and all of her extended family. And, she adored each and every one of them in return. I can't think of a more wonderful way to have lived than to have earned such love from so many. I know that each of you will have memories to share forever, and that those wonderful remembrances will bring you peace.

Maribeth Ransel

Maribeth Ransel - December 05, 2020 at 03:57 PM

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“ Great was amazing. At 90 I came over to "check on her" she had set her hair, painted her nails beautifully and was hemming a pair of pants. My condolences and sympathies to Pam and Bob and extended family. GOD Bless Great!!

Tracey Hill - December 03, 2020 at 04:41 PM