



## Betty Jo Griffith

October 26, 1939 - January 8, 2021

Betty Jo (Lee) Griffith, 81, of Cabot, PA, formerly of Clarion and Pittsburgh, PA, passed away on Jan. 8, 2021 after an extended illness. One of eight children, Betty Jo was born on October 26, 1939 in Morris, IL, she was the daughter of the late Erwin and Velma (Finch) Lee.

She married Lt. Col Donald Griffith in April, 1959, in Reno, NV. They went on to have 8 children and lived the full Air Force family life in various military bases around the U.S. before settling down in Clarion. They were married for 21 years, when Don was tragically killed in a plane crash on October 16, 1980. Betty Jo was a strong and loving mother who proudly continued to raise her children.

In the early years she was a dedicated homemaker before finding her passion in driving school bus. She drove bus for over 30 years for Clarion, Keystone and Clarion-Limestone school districts. One of her greatest joys was attending her children's high school activities, which included football, basketball, wrestling, track and field, the Clarion Singers and various choral events. She also enjoyed watching her son Tim play college football at CMU. She dedicated her summers as a strong supporter of the Clarion High Rollers for many years. She participated in league bowling at Ragley's and attending state bowling events with her daughter Colette. She enjoyed her time researching genealogy, accumulating books and books of ancestral history. Betty Jo loved to travel, especially to see her children, grandchildren and her family in Illinois. She was known to just pack up and go, at a moment's notice,

or to drive to Pittsburgh to have dinner with her kids. She was kind and generous, often known to help a person in need, instead of paying her own bills. She offered her big house to many guests over the years. Friends and family always had a place to stay. She would never hesitate to offer up her four strong boys to anyone that needed help.

In her later years, she had a special friendship with Arnold Kepple. She looked forward to every Memorial Day weekend, where the whole family spent time together camping at Arnie's. She enjoyed listening to the stories her children and grandchildren would tell and retell. There was never a dull moment at camp.

Betty Jo is survived by seven children: Colette Griffith of Pittsburgh, Jeannette (John) Nash of Stem, NC, Timothy Griffith of Randolph, NJ, Ronald Griffith of Frankford, DE, Michael (Kim) Griffith of Pittsburgh, Lawrence Griffith of Pittsburgh, Paulette (Michael) Aites of Cabot, PA. Grandchildren: Patrick Griffith, Travis Nash, James Nash, April Ball, Jillian Griffith, Kali Jo Griffith, Thomas Griffith, Mikia French, James Cullimore, Corey Griffith, Abby Griffith, Amber Griffith, Steven Griffith, Becca Stromyer, Marcus Stromyer, Alex (Lexie) Aites, Elizabeth Aites and Brayanna Aites and 11 great-grandchildren. She is survived by one sister, Mildred Scott of Bloomington, IL and sister-in-law Betty Griffith of Sligo, PA, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Betty Jo was preceded in death by her husband Don, infant son Terrence, grandson John Nash; her parents, brothers; Ralph Lee, Robert Lee, Richard Lee and sisters; Mary Ellen Punke, Ann Williams and Lora Jackson and in-laws: Paul Griffith, Judy Lee, Pat Lee, Dale Punke, Bob Williams, Jim Jackson.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Good Samaritan Hospice of Cabot.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by D'Alessandro Funeral Home and Crematory LTD located in Lawrenceville, PA. Per her wishes, there will be no funeral services at this time. At a later date, she will be buried with her husband and infant son in Mazon, IL. Friends and family are welcome to send

online condolences and memorials by visiting [www.dalessandrold.com](http://www.dalessandrold.com) .

# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Jo Griffith*

January 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *To all the Griffith siblings,  
You had the blessing of a loving, gracious Mother. The photo you  
chose captured her spirit. My deepest sympathy, Bob Bowersox*

**Bob Bowersox** - January 19, 2021 at 03:52 PM



“ *We are fortunate enough to remember Betty  
from the many family events we attended over  
the years - birthdays, graduations, holidays,  
and even a time or two at Memorial Day at  
camp. A woman of grit and strength, she  
persevered through many diagnoses; and we  
always saw her smiling. Surely she put on a public face for us as  
extended family, but it came with such ease that we could tell it was  
just her nature to make others feel comfortable and welcomed  
without causing worry.*



*The picture here is just as we remember her most.*

*We are happy to have known you, Betty, and are comforted  
knowing that you are now cared for and made comfortable so you  
can continue to smile.*

*Sending love and peace from the Carlsons - Paul, Tina, and Olive*

**Santina Burakiewicz Carlson** - January 11, 2021 at 07:24 PM

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“ Polly, I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. Betty loved life and was a great woman, and loved all of her children and loved children. I met Betty in Clarion High Rollers which I spend seven years in along with my daughter. Betty was great with kids and helped through training the girls and boys and then getting ready for the summer parades. I enjoyed helping her with most that I could. But anyway she was great person and I know her health hasn't been good for the last few years. Betty lived her life to the fullest and will be missed by many. I love you Betty. Your family knows you are not struggling any more and not having breathing problems. I know they will miss you! May you Rest In Peace and enjoy being reunited with your husband and all of your family that went before you.

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**Wanda Viselli** - January 10, 2021 at 09:41 PM

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“ Betty Jo you did live your life to the fullest. It is now time to let the Lord take care of you. RIP. Love you. Millie

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**Mildred Scott** - January 10, 2021 at 02:07 PM