



Elizabeth Bragassa

September 15, 1936 - September 14, 2013

ELIZABETH BRAGASSA Betty was born September 15, 1936 in Ayr, Scotland. She survived the bombings of World War II, finished school and was a carpet weaver for several years erasing her fingerprints. Charlie from Texas persuaded her to come away with him and have adventures in America. They were married in Ayr on May 31, 1955 and lived in Texas, Georgia and Colorado. After her four children were launched, Betty entered the nursing profession in Fort Collins, first as an LPN and then an RN, being class valedictorian each time. She worked at Poudre Valley Hospital in Oncology, Orthopedics, Women's Care and five years in Home Care, where she particularly enjoyed meeting some of the local pioneers. She retired from PVH in 2007 after 25 years in nursing. She departed this life at age 77 on September 14, 2013, after a ten-year journey with cancer. Nonetheless, she radiated love, joy, enthusiasm and unique perspectives. Betty was unsurpassed in physical, mental and spiritual beauty – a truly magnificent, elegant lady and an asset to the world. An open invitation is extended to all who knew her, or who had any type of association, to join a party/wake/memorial/open house at her home, to commemorate her life and deeds. Location: 3001 Worthington Avenue, Fort Collins. Date: Saturday, September 21, 2013. Time: Noon til midnight or beyond. We are looking forward to a casual, pleasant and fulfilling day.

Tribute Wall

HW

“ Betty was one of the most unique, witty, laughter-loving people I have ever met. She was sincerely happy and spread her joy in such a special way. She made working night shift so much fun! And if there is one thing I learned over all else, she was still madly in love with her Charlie. Family, take care and know we are all thinking of you during this most difficult time. The Watsons

Heather L Watson - September 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ My husband KC and I worked with Betty in Homecare. We were so sad to learn of her passing. Betty was such a delightful person! She was a terrific nurse and had such a beautiful, musical laugh. She knew I was Jewish and interested in WWII and the Holocaust and shared her memories of the bombings during WWII with me. I appreciated this very much as it was very educational and eye-opening for me. I had heard about the Blitz in London but not that Scotland had been bombed as well. So many people suffered during that time and it's important to remember what civilians went through. Our most sincere condolences to the family. She will be missed. May her memory be a blessing in your lives.

Judy Petersen - September 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Dear Charlie and family, I only learned today that Betty has passed and I am so grieved that I missed her celebration. She was my first friend in Colorado, working Oncology together. We have so many good memories of that time on nights. She supported me in my journey always with words of wisdom. As you know we continued friends for all this time. Peace and love to you all in your loss of such a wise and beautiful soul.

Carol Andersen - September 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Charlie- My heartfelt prayers are with you today and in the coming months. I remember Betty welcoming the leap year babies at PVH by calling them her "Leaplings"... a word coined to perfection. Know that she is enjoying such a welcome now and is surrounded in HIS Love and Light. God bless... Jan and Pat

Jan Listowski - September 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Charlie, I was so sorry to hear about Betty. I worked with her for many years on women's care at PVH. She was always a pleasure to work with. We loved hearing her tell stories!!! She was a special lady!!!

Sheri Batt - September 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Charlie, my thoughts are with you in this trying time, I lost Camille in 2011. Gaston

Gaston C Barmore - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Charlie, Your life story with Betty, is like the plot of a romance novel. She was a special person, and I'm so happy that you had a wonderful life together. Fred

J. Fred Cross - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Our hearts are with you Chuck

Chuck Cargill - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Hi Uncle Charlie and kids....I am so sorry to hear of Aunty Betty's passing. Like Louise, I too have some lovely and lasting memories of her and her big smile. My thoughts are with you. Love to you all.
Ally

Ally Rankin - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

C'

“ Although I never got meet Betty I spoke with Charlie quite a number of times over the years. I was always trying to get him to come to Arizona with Betty for some warm winter weather. I did get by Ft. Collins last July and had dinner with Charlie, Dan and my twin grandsons. Afterwards Charlie and I had a couple of beers and talked about everything from old times in the Corps to his and Betty's struggle with her health. One time in the past I had asked Charlie to have Betty translate some Scottish curses that I got in Ayr from my wrong side of the street driving while on a golfing holiday. My sincerest condolences go to Charlie, Dan and the rest of the family. Betty was a great lady.

Charles M.'Red' Scott, Jr. '53 - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

P'

“ Charlie, I am so sorry for your loss. We have gotten to the point that this seems to be a natural occurrence. But, that doesn't make it any easier. Our Family will be praying for you and you family. Putter

Putter Jarvis, '53 - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ We are so sorry to found about this lost. We will keep you in our prayers. We love Betty and you as well as your family very much. The Lord keep you all in his arms and give you the peace that only he can provide. Remember God love you and we also too. Reciba nuestro consuelo Carlitos y de Dios Amen!! Familia Avila

Roberto and maritza avila - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Condolences to Charlie, Anne, Danny, John & Janey. She was one of a kind a wonderful lady who will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you. P.

Paddy Shinnick - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Charlie---I feel your pain having lost my wife of 62 years recently. My heartfelt condolences. Bob McLemore

Bob McLemore - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Treasured memories. Betty and Charlie were among the first people I met after arrival in the USA in 1967. Charlie can truly quote the words of Robert Burns in describing Betty as his red red rose. May she rest in peace.

Msgr. Willie O'Neill - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *My lovely, warm, kind and beautiful Auntie Betty. Precious memories and each and every one a joy. Walking down Ayr High Street laughing, munching fudge and justifying that the walk was burning off the calories. Listening to wonderful stories of days gone by. Sharing ancestral discoveries - oh what a great detective hunting down those certificates! I have kept them all. And the photos - surprises from lost memories. The slide shows! Watching our American cousins grow up in parallel lives over the decades, sharing the joys of the grandchildren coming along and then your lovely little great grand- daughter arriving. Always, always, always cherished memories close to my heart. How honoured to share this journey Auntie Betty Louise xxxx*

Louise Anderson - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM