



Betty Lou Tilley

October 7, 1920 - November 27, 2018

Betty Lou Tilley passed away on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 in Prescott, Arizona at age 98. The daughter of a federal official, her memories include White House receptions with Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt, and working as a chemist at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C. She treasured earning her degree from the University of Maryland and became active in charitable work for many years with her sorority sisters from Gamma Phi Beta.

Betty Lou later married and moved west with J.W. Tilley, the love of her life for 75 years who preceded her in death. Their love for Prescott began in 1966 with the building of a summer cabin at Highland Pines, followed by permanent residency. In their Prescott home, J.W. and Betty Lou enjoyed their gardening, with special attention to tomatoes, roses and iris.

She is survived by son Jim, a Prescott veterinarian, and extended family including two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Tilley and Dot Sullivan of California and Arkansas.

The family extends significant appreciation to Drs. Downing, Parson, and Markham, the staff at Highgate Senior Living, Kelly and the staff at Good Samaritan Hospice, and the Marley House for their loving care for Betty Lou.

Tribute Wall

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“ Jim,
Our sincere condolences on your mom's passing. Even when expected, it hurts. I will always remember her gracious manner, her keen sense of humor and her eyes that always twinkled. She was a dear, sweet lady and so very kind to Hal and I in our early years in Prescott. Betty Lou will be remembered as a caring, lovely woman who adored her husband above all else and gave her support to many worthy causes. I'll always remember her gardens...they were absolutely beautiful. We are thinking of you, dear friend.
With love,
Cat and Hal Hayden

Cat Hayden - December 03, 2018 at 02:48 PM

JS

“ *Oh my sweet Betty Lou aka My BLT.. very sad to hear I won't see your beautiful smile anymore.. it was an honor to know you and love you and care for you at Highgate.. I'll never forget our times Dancing and your witty funny personality! Say Hello to J.W for all of us!*



Jennifer Sons - December 03, 2018 at 01:47 PM

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“ *What a tremendous family who have contributed so much to our community. Thank you all. J.W. and Betty could have not created more of a legacy than their son Dr. Jim Tilley. Rest in peace.*

Steve Rutherford

Steve Rutherford - December 03, 2018 at 10:07 AM

JG

“ *My condolences to your family. May you find some comfort for your loss in the promise found at John 11:25.*

Jon Genier - December 01, 2018 at 08:14 AM