



Elizabeth Murphy

August 25, 1923 - January 5, 2015

Elizabeth (Betty) Murphy was the beloved matriarch of the Murphy family, proud mom, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Betty passed on January 5, 2015. She is survived by her children Michael, Maureen, Mark, Paul, Kathy, sons and daughter in laws, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Betty was best known for her style and grace, zest for life and her loving smile. She enjoyed working at the family restaurants Murphy's and Greens and Things where she made life-long friends.

The family will celebrate her life privately, as was her request. We want to thank the many people who were instrumental in Betty's life; especially those who helped make her final days much more comfortable. Please remember our mother in your own special way and anyone wanting to make a donation in Betty's name is asked to consider Granite Mountain Hospice, 3107 Clearwater Drive Prescott, AZ 86305

The family does not request flowers or a memorial gift. Please just share your memories!!

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I have been so blessed to know betty! We had so many great times in the beauty shop, my beautiful betty! She was such a great example of a godly woman and she prayed regularly for my family my grand baby especially and we saw those prayers answered in the most amazing ways. I am so glad to say that I knew her and that I truly love her.

Julie Sturdevant

Julie Sturdevant - January 23, 2015 at 04:52 PM

KM

“ My mom was an amazing woman. She touched many lives. She was beautiful inside and out and we will all miss her smile. I feel so lucky to have been able to spend a lot of quality time with my Mom. We worked together and had a blast! I don't know how I could have handled our twins without her help. I love the way she loved our boys. She had class, she had sass! She was the best cook around! She was fun! She loved to party! I know how important her friends and family were to her—they were everything! If I got to choose who I would have for a Mom it would be her! I'm grateful for the long life she had, but am happy she is no longer in pain. Mom, God Bless you! I will always love and miss you!

Kathy Murphy-Reilly - January 22, 2015 at 04:53 PM

BE

“ What a blessing from God Betty was to each and everyone that had the pleasure to know her. She loved her family deeply & her friends endlessly. I will continue to think of her through out my own life and be ever grateful to have wonderful memories of her.

Peace be with you Betty.

Betty - January 21, 2015 at 02:49 PM

PH

“ *“There is a land of the living and the land of the dead, and the bridge is love” (Thornton Wilder). I'm sure the bridge between you and your mother could not be stronger. The memory of her will never fade and will help to fill the void. My sincere condolences to each of you, Patricia (Mueller) Hils*

Patricia (Mueller) Hils - January 17, 2015 at 11:28 AM

TB

“ *Betty and all the Murphy family was my Prescott FAMILY...I will forever remember the holidays, gatherings and parties but most of all will cherish the fond memories of how gracious she treated everyone, friends and acquaintances. We should be reminded that if it wasn't for this extraordinary lady there would be no Murphy's Restaurant. Love Tom and Tonya*

Tom Braginton - January 11, 2015 at 08:22 PM

LD

“ *Our heart felt condolences to the Murphy family. What a wonderful women and mother she was as is evidenced by her wonderful children. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, may she rest in peace. Ron & Linda Druse*

Linda Druse - January 11, 2015 at 05:05 PM

HH

“ To my friends, the Prescott "Murphy kids", I am sad to read you have lost your mom, Betty. If lives are measured by the way they have affected others, hers was indeed most valuable and successful. The people you are show the benefit of her parenting. She loved and was most proud of each of you. As she worked in the very public business of service and hospitality, she never failed to show the genuine warmth and affection she had for others. I feel fortunate to have received these gifts from her on many occasions. I know that she was a most positive influence and example to the countless young people fortunate to work with her. She will remain always in your lives and memories. With love,
Howard Hinson

Howard Hinson - January 11, 2015 at 01:36 PM

DM

“ Dear Paul & the Murphy family,
My sincerest condolences for the loss of your precious mother. What a blessing a amazing lady she was..... I feel privileged to have known her and worked with her at Murphys. I still have the receipe she shared with me for Chili Pecans and think of her every time I make them. May the Lord be with you all and comfort you in your time of loss.

With warmest regards,
Denise Clark Mounsey

Denise Mounsey - January 11, 2015 at 12:09 PM

JW

“ I will always remember my beautiful friend. She was such a bright light in my world. She gave of herself so easily. Her ready smile and wonderful laugh could always be counted on. She was class and elegance. When I gave Betty a hug I knew I would be treated to a warm embrace and the wonderful scent of her signature perfume. When sorrow came into my life Betty took me under her wing and helped me through it. I will always be grateful that such a special woman was in my life. To all the Murphy's - my Mom and Dad (Ralph and RoseMary Nove) and I loved your Mom dearly. We are so, so sorry for the loss of your beloved Mom. Love JoAnn Morlock Whelan

JoAnn Morlock Whelan - January 11, 2015 at 11:53 AM

JD

“ WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS THE FEELINGS I HAVE FOR MY BEAUTIFUL SISTER. SHE WAS MY MOM, CONFIDENT, SISTER AND FRIEND. WE WOULD TALK FOR HOURS BEFORE SHE GOT SICK. I HAVE SO MANY MEMORIES OF US TOGETHER... IT BEGAN WHEN MY MOM DIED WHEN I WAS NINE AND SHE TOOK CARE OF ME TILL SHE MARRIED PAUL, YOUR FATHER. THEY EVEN TOOK ME ON PART OF THEIR HONEYMOON. THEN AFTER I GREW UP AND MARRIED MIKE, WE BECAME A FOURSOME AND PLAYED LOTS OF POKER. EVEN AFTER WE HAD OUR KIDS. THEN MY LIFE WAS TORN APART WHEN THE FAMILY MOVED TO ARIZONA. IT TOOK ME A COUPLE OF YEARS TO EXCEPT IT, BUT WE WERE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO VISIT EACH OTHER. SO MANY TIMES OVER THE YEARS.

SHE WAS A WONDERFUL MOM , AS YOU SEE, FROM THE WAY HER CHILDREN TURNED OUT. THEY ARE ALL SUCH GREAT KIDS, FULL OF LOVE AND SHE WAS SO PROUD OF THEM. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER STRONG FAITH AND STRONG WILL. SHE DIDN'T WANT TO MISS A THING., AND SHE WAS SURE A TROOPER., SHE DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE HER FAMILY AND FOUGHT TILL THE END. GO IN PEACE MY WONDERFUL SISTER AND KNOW IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE WE ARE TOGETHER AGAIN...I LOVE YOU JOAN

JOAN DESIMONE - January 10, 2015 at 10:35 PM

DA

“ I will always remember the move to Tucson and getting to help with the packing and unpacking We spent many lovely days just the two of us. I learned how to do it PROPERLY. The reward was the best ham salad I Have ever had to this day. A very special memory is her teaching Kathy and I How to put on mascara in 6th grade. She had a real talent for making her eyes beautiful. She always looked perfect. God speed Betty you will be missed. Dawn

Dawn.Savattone@aaaphx.org - January 09, 2015 at 06:15 PM

CA

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers are with you and your family, Kathy and Ed. I loved Betty dearly and I can feel the loss. But can also remember the laughs and good times that surrounded your mom.*
Sincerely, Carl and Jackie.

carl - January 09, 2015 at 12:20 PM

DB

“ *My memories of Aunt Betty are of her laughing this contagious laugh, that got everyone else laughing. She was so beautiful. ..inside and out. She always let you know what she was thinking. I remember when my sister Deb and I were in seventh grade. Aunt Betty told my mom to get us our first bra! If it weren't for her, who knows when we would have gotten one! Lol.*
I had the privilege of visiting her a few years ago, with my mom. Aunt Betty, Mom, and I sat in her bed and watched Sunday Mass together. We talked for hours and laughed. They shared so many childhood memories. I feel so blessed to have such wonderful memories of such a special woman!
I pray for my cousins during this difficult time. I know Aunt Betty will be praying for each one of her children, in heaven. I am so honored to have Aunt Betty as my aunt.

Diane Desimone Brisson - January 09, 2015 at 10:34 AM

TK

“ *So sorry to hear of her passing. Many wonderful memories of this classy lady. She always treated me like a part of the Murphy clan. Blessings sent to all the Murphys.*

Tami Krauss - January 09, 2015 at 10:05 AM

DC

“ I will always remember my BEAUTIFUL Aunt Betty! She always made me feel special. I remember when my youngest son Thomas was born 15 years ago, and she happened to be home for a visit, she was so taken with him and could not stop talking about how sweet he was. I was so thankful and happy she had that opportunity to see all of my children and of course for me to have that time with her as well. When I would mention my Aunt Betty to my friends I would always say she was my mom's sister, but I think I look more like her. Maybe i was wishing :) Our lives have had a few parallels, and she was such a comfort during those difficult times because she understood. I know she was a woman of faith and I have comfort knowing she is in God's loving arms and also with a lot of good company....
I will continue to pray for my cousins Michael, Maureen, Paul, Mark and Kathy. Please always know even with the distance between us we have always had a special love for our "Murphy" cousins. XXX
OOO Debbie Desimone Campbell

Debbie Desimone Campbell - January 08, 2015 at 04:44 PM

KR

“ Thank you for signing our Mom's guest book and sharing your stories. Most important- thank you for being a special person in our Mom's life.
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With love and gratitude,
The Murphy Family.

Kathleen Reilly - January 08, 2015 at 11:50 AM

KM

My name is Kathy Salter Myatt---my sister, Mary Salter Workinger sent me the notice about Betty. Although I have lost track of many cousins in the NY area, I well remember Betty and how much my Mom (Margaret Glessing Salter) loved her. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy on her death--I know she will be missed very much.

Kathy Salter Myatt - January 10, 2015 at 07:32 PM

DD

*To all of the Murphy Family,
Your mother and grandmother was a true "Lady". Her poise and patience were always on display as was her honesty. She was so sincere and compassionate to us and our family for the nearly 40 years we knew her in Prescott.
We are now and will continue to pray for the repose of her soul into the hands of Our Lord.
May she rest in peace.
God Bless,
Dick and Bette DeMark & Family*

Dick and Bette DeMark - January 13, 2015 at 02:11 PM

CC

What a Legacy she has left- 5 wonderful children and grandchildren. I feel honored to have known her and to have been a part of her "extended" family & friends. Cindy Clark

Cindy Clark - January 18, 2015 at 01:18 PM

GT

Betty was One of the First People My Late Husband, Tom Talbot, and I Met in Prescott. At That Time She was Hosting at "Greens and Things". Her Lovely Smile and Gracious Delightful Personality Immediately Made Us Feel Great About Our Decision to Call Prescott Home for 14 Years. My Deepest Sympathy to Her Family. Betty was Pure Joy. Ginger Talbot - Omaha, Nebraska.

Ginger Talbot - January 19, 2015 at 11:41 PM