



## Elizabeth Wood

June 28, 1940 - October 11, 2012

Elizabeth Anne Greene-Wood ("Bette,") ascended into Heaven on October 11, 2012; she was 72 years old. Bette was born in Paterson General Hospital in New Jersey on June 28, 1940 to Edward C. Greene and Katherine Weaver-Greene of Lincoln Park, N.J. Bette graduated from Chapel Hill Elementary School and Boonton High School in N.J. She attended Farleigh Dickinson University in conjunction with Paterson General Hospital School of Nursing and graduated in 1961. She was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Lincoln Park, N.J., where she was baptized, confirmed and married. In 1962 Bette married Edward L. Wood at St. Andrew's, living in Boonton and moving to Cliffside Park, N.J. in 1964. Bette worked as a Registered Nurse at Riverside Hospital in Boonton and Mountainside Hospital in Montclair, N.J. Two of their three children were born in Pompton Plains, N.J.: Katherine Rose (deceased 2/4/09) and Edward James (deceased 10/11/12.) The family moved to Prescott, AZ in 1978. Their third child, Daniel, was born in Arizona.

Bette was employed as a staff R.N. at Yavapai Regional Medical Center for 2 years, a school nurse at Humboldt Junior High for 4 years, and as a staff R.N. at Arizona Pioneers' Home for 24 years, retiring in 2008. Bette was a cancer survivor, bravely fighting the illness in 2004-2006. She was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Prescott since 1978, and volunteered in the church nursery, summer Bible school, altar guild and community cupboard. She belonged to the Paterson General Hospital Nurses Alumnae; American Legion Women's Auxiliary; and has been a contributing

member of the Harvard Medical School Nurses Health Study since 1976. She was a member of the Gamma Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi (1980-1986.)

Survivors include her husband Edward L. Wood of Prescott; son Daniel; sisters Katherine F. Greene and E. Joan Greene; grandchildren: Tahra and Kyle Pearson, Sonia Ayala, Rockie Wood; sisters-in-law: Elsie Cole and Roseanne Bjork; and many others. Funeral Services and Celebration of Life will be held Friday, October 19, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 2000 Shepard's Lane, Prescott, AZ. The family suggests that memorials be made to St. Luke's in her memory.

# Tribute Wall

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“ To The Family of Bette: I know words could never be enough to ease your pain. I am so sorry for your loss may you embrace many happy memories of your life with her she was a very special lady. Sunset on Earth is Sunrise in Heaven May God Bless you all. In Gods Love, Sabrina

Sabrina Fugitt - October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ to a very loveing person who spent her hole life takeing care of other you will always be remmbered for the wonderful person you where here on earth now may you begin another in heaven my god bless your family at this time of need Betty Bo you will be missed

Debbie Hall - October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ I worked with Bette for six years at the Pioneer Home. She was a wonderful patient advocate and gave loving care to all the residents. My condolences to the family.

Page Newton - October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Bette's Eulogy*

*from the memorial service at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 2000  
Shepherd's Lane, Prescott, Arizona, 86301 on Oct 19, 2012.*

*Hi everyone, I'm Bette's son Daniel.*

*We're gathered here to celebrate Bette's life.*

*I'll speak about her in a past tense and present tense because she  
believed life continues in spirit.*

*Bette is a daughter, she is a sister, a mother, a grandmother, a  
friend, and she's played many other roles.*

*If you know people that wanted to attend the service today but  
couldn't make it here, please let them know the following:*

*Feel free to contact my dad --Bette's husband Ed-- in a letter or  
phone call. Feel free to speak directly to Bette in your thoughts or  
out loud; it doesn't have to be at this memorial service or this  
reception. You can speak to her when you're alone at home, or  
driving, or another time & place. If you want Bette to be in your life  
then she wants to be in your life. Talk directly to Bette.*

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*My spiritual beliefs and ideas change periodically. They evolve.*

*Here are some of my current ideas:*

*All information that is relevant to Bette can be collected by God and  
relayed to her.*

*All goodness within people is intermixed with the Holy Spirit and  
eternity.*

*There is or has been goodness within each person, and all  
goodness is saved for eternity.*

*Bette is now or will be surrounded with goodness, including the  
goodness of her two sons (myself and my brother Edward James).*

*She will have everything that makes her happy.*

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*I've spent the last few days looking through Bette's photo albums.*

*She accumulated thousands of pictures of family, coworkers, friends, and places.*

*-There are pictures of her life in New Jersey where she lived for 38 years.*

*-For 24 years she worked as a nurse at the Arizona Pioneers' Home, and she has hundreds of pictures from her time there.*

*-She's been a member of this church, St. Luke's, for 34 years and has hundreds of pictures of events at St. Luke's.*

*I collected statements from my dad and from Bette's two sisters, and I'll mention some of what they wrote.*

*Bette's sister Joan wrote about their childhood. The three sisters had a large back yard to play in, a screened porch, a swing, games, and a vegetable garden. They went ice skating on ponds near their home. They traveled to school on a bus for 45 minutes each way. And Bette had many friends then, as she does now. Bette's gift was friendship to all she knew for the entirety of her life.*

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*Bette was overflowing with goodness and she has many fond memories.*

*She also experienced adversity, including cancer, but she triumphed over it.*

*Bette's sister Fran wrote the following: Bette underwent multiple surgeries for cancer and 7 months of chemotherapy. She fought the battle and won. Bette's thoughts throughout were her concern for her family and friends. She had faith, and hope, and optimism. Then, during my time of adversity last year, Bette comforted me and was by my side as she has been throughout our lives, and as I believe she is right now, as my sister and best friend.*

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*Bette's daughter Kathy passed away a few years ago at age 44, due to cancer and the treatment.*

*Bette's mother passed away about 10 years ago at age 95.*

*Bette lived to age 72. She probably had the energy and perseverance to live twice as long, and I wish she could have enjoyed more.*

*Yet, over the past few days, I've come to believe that Bette had a full life.*

*Her life was not incomplete, but we are incomplete without her.*

*My dad wrote the following: "My heart is broken and it's hard to speak without crying - I've lost my precious wife. But how selfish of me to say "I've lost her" -- too soon and too suddenly-- when we all would want to share her golden years as she grew old gracefully."*

*My dad is confident that he will be rejoined with Bette.*

*He will heal, I will heal, and you will too.*

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*Last month my parents had their 50th wedding anniversary and for the past 47 of those years their home has also been the home of children, and grandchildren, and family friends.*

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**Daniel Wood** - October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM