



Mrs. Elizabeth A. Goodman

December 19, 1933 - February 3, 2019

“Now grandma is part of the moon and the stars and the sun.”

So announced Cecilia, age 3, as she tried to understand death and the afterlife and her great-grandmother’s leaving us.

Elizabeth Ann Veronica Miley Goodman, (Betty) aged 85, passed away Feb. 3rd, 2019 in her own bed, in her own Muskegon area Glenside neighborhood home where she’d lived with her husband, Don, since 1967. Born Dec. 19, 1933 in Chicago to William and Mary Miley (nee Ryan), Betty, a lifelong Catholic, attended the Academy of Our Lady. On August 8, 1953 she married an army corporal, Donald Goodman, and they entered the first of 65 years of marriage. They moved to Muskegon in 1956 and were delighted by the place.

With Don, Betty raised four boys who eventually became (1) a designer and builder of theater sets at two colleges [Brian]; (2) a freelance musician who became a music teacher at a private school in New York, [Alan]; (3) an Emergency Room nurse [Tom]; and (4) a drug-and-alcohol counselor in Colorado [Mark]. A dedicated baseball fan herself, Betty turned all four boys into stats-quoting addicts.

Bright, happy, and giving, Betty volunteered at the Red Cross for forty years, during which time she also donated 10 gallons of her blood. She enjoyed working for Goodfellow’s at Christmastime as well. She was employed as a lunch-lady at Bunker School for many years and loved-and-was-loved-by the junior- high kids. Although terrified of crossing open water, Betty bravely walked the Mackinac Bridge one Labor Day. During overseas trips she loved the sidewalk cafes in Paris, the mountains in Switzerland and Spain, but bought a Spanish folding fan to cover he eyes during the gorier parts of the bullfights in Madrid; she was awakened by lions roaring outside her tent while on safari in Zimbabwe and was thrilled by seeing elephants and giraffes. She adored the lace curtains and vibrantly painted doors in Ireland, (since she was 85% Irish,) enjoyed spring trips to Florida, but most of all, loved her Muskegon home. Betty loved flowers and filled the house and yards and window boxes with their bright colors.

Betty leaves behind a husband, four sons, five loving daughters-in-law; seven grandchildren, and two great-grand-children, one of whom (3 year old Cecilia) was able to send her to the moon.

A religious service will be held in the chapel at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church at a later date when the weather would be more to her liking. Betty was never fond of winter. No flowers please. Donations to the Red Cross or Goodfellows. Arrangements by The Walburn Chapel, 1547 W. Sherman Blvd., (231) 759-8565.

Comments



“ Dear Don,

I wish to express my sympathy in your loss of Betty. I always enjoyed seeing her at Team Trivia when it was at Hobo's and also when I would run into you both at Ryke's Bakery or at a Frauenthal event.

What a lovely tribute to Betty in the Chronicle. She had a full and active life. .

May you find comfort in your treasured memories

Linda Noble - February 12 at 01:17 PM



“ Dear Don and family,
We are so sorry to hear of Elizabeth's passing. May your memories of her bring you comfort. You are all in our thoughts.
Jay and Lauri Zarowitz

jay zarowitz - February 08 at 04:36 PM



“ Barb Abd Gary Wehnes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Goodman



Barb abd Gary Wehnes - February 07 at 10:56 PM



“ We enjoyed working with Betty over several years for Goodfellows. Will miss her energy and her smile.

Steve and Laura Bailey

Steve and Laura Bailey - February 06 at 09:36 PM



“ Betty, thank you for always caring for others. You always made me feel special. Rest in the arms of Jesus sweet lady.

Lynda Ferry - February 06 at 08:37 PM



“ Betty was one of the first to welcome my family when we moved in to the neighborhood almost 48 years ago. She always joked with me about knowing spring had really arrived when she saw me barefoot in the yard and I always brought her a bouquet of my lilies of the valley for her kitchen. She radiated love, acceptance, compassion and was truly the “saint” of Winchester St. She was loved and will be missed.

Sally Wibalda - February 06 at 08:04 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.

sharon Van Ramshorst - February 07 at 10:34 PM



“ Peace and comfort to all those who were touched by Mrs. Goodman's life. I am blessed to know her through her unconditional support and love to her daughter-in-law, Judy, and granddaughter, Molly Bea. She will be greatly missed. I pray her spirit and kindness continues through all of you. Vicki Blubaugh

Vicki Blubaugh - February 06 at 02:13 PM



“ Prayers go out to all the family and your mother sounds like a wonderfully faithful woman. May she rest in the arms of Jesus forever.

Barb Perri - February 06 at 12:42 PM



“ Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. The parish families at St. Francis de Sales Church



Kim Brush - February 06 at 11:57 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Betty’s passing. She was so energetic and full of life. I was blessed to know her through Goodfellows and as a neighbor in Glenside. Betty will be missed.

Julie Kastl - February 06 at 11:15 AM