



Elizabeth Knowles

March 30, 1923 - March 1, 2012

Elizabeth "Betty" Dettenborn Knowles, 88, passed away March 1, 2012 in West Hartford, where she had made her home for all her life. She was the loving wife of William E. Knowles. Betty was the daughter of the late John L. Dettenborn and Lillian Moeller Dettenborn Brown. A graduate of William Hall High School 1941, she retired in 1983 from the West Hartford Board of Education. Betty was a former member and Deacon at the Wilson Congregational Church in Wilson, CT and a current member of the Elmwood Community Church in West Hartford. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Newington Chapter #115 for over 40 years. Besides her husband, she leaves her daughters Donna S. Hollinshead and husband Hugh, Cynthia S. Daigle and husband Mario, and her step-son, W. Mark Knowles. Her grandchildren; Joseph Hollinshead Samantha of Dallas, TX, Krista Hollinshead of West Hartford, Mark Daigle Amy of West Hartford, Michael Daigle Emily of Glastonbury, and Jason Knowles. Her great grandchildren; Anna Daigle, Wyatt Daigle, Ruby Hollinshead and William Daigle, her sister-in-law Evelyn Dettenborn on Cape Cod, MA, and many wonderful and caring friends also survive her. She was predeceased by her brother Lawrence J. Dettenborn, a step-brother Alvah Brown, her grandson Christopher Knowles, and daughter-in-law Lori Knowles. Betty's family wishes to thank the staff at Hughes Health and Rehabilitation for their loving care and compassion. Funeral services will be Monday March 5th beginning with visitation from 10:30 a.m. and followed by funeral services at 11:30 a.m. in the Molloy Funeral

Home 906 Farmington Ave West Hartford. Burial will be private. Donations in her memory may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children – Springfield, 516 Carew St. Springfield, MA 01104

Tribute Wall



“ Betty was always a smiling, sunny presence at Wilson Church. Whether at worship, church dinners, or the Thrift Shoppe she helped lift the spirits of those around her. We are grateful for her presence in our lives and send our love & sympathy to Bill, children & grandchildren.##imported-begin##Joanne & John Coghil##imported-end##

March 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I can't believe you are gone Grammy, but I know your spirit will stay with us all forever. I am still in shock....much as I was in awe of your lively, positive outlook throughout the past 8 years that I've known you. It was always such a joy spending time with you and I cherish those memories. Your thoughtful kindness was a gift to us all. My heart goes out to your entire family, a family that has warmly welcomed me for many holidays and without you those holidays will not be the same. We will miss you dearly.##imported-begin##Katie##imported-end##

March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Deepest sympathy to Uncle Bill and family.Aunt Bette Was one special lady.She will be missed greatly.We had a lot of laughs together,especialy when we were trying to find some moose in Maine.Our prayers are with you all.Love and God Bless, Rosemarie and Family.##imported-begin##Rosemarie Godfrey##imported-end##

March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Grammy was so sweet to me. She was always glad to see me and gave me a big hug. She loved my culinary treats especially the artichokes and black olives and laughed at my jokes. I enjoyed seeing the love Mark and Mike showed her when they teased her. I appreciate that she accepted me as family and I will miss her.##imported-begin##O'Pa Fred##imported-end##

March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ What a great and wonderful lady Aunt Betty was. She was a sweet friend and a very kind person and loved by all her family and friends. I never knew her too long but long enough to know and love her as a true aunt.##imported-begin##Gloria Chartier##imported-end##

March 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Betty was the sweetest, kindest, and most generous lady I have ever known. She was a blessing to me and my family and I will always remember her in my prayers.

My sincere condolences to Betty's family.

God Bless.

Faith##imported-begin##Faith Dupuis##imported-end##

March 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cindy and Family*

When you feel a gentle breeze, Caress you when you sign, It's a hug sent from Heaven, From your MOM way up high.

Our prays are with you, All Our Love Nancy & Cliff##imported-begin##Nancy & Cliff Beaupre##imported-end##

March 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Betty's passing.*

Just last Sunday I was thinking that "her pew" my phrase, not hers seemed so empty without her.

Betty was a lovely person - sweet, loving and gracious. Her smile lit up a room and she was always SUCH a lady.

My condolences to the entire extended family - Your loved one will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Barbara Gilpin Hesse##imported-end##

March 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest love and sympathy to Uncle Bill, Donna and family, Cindy and family and Mark and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and praying for comfort and peace for all. She was a very special and beautiful lady and she will be in our hearts forever. Love you all so very much. "Chub" and Pat##imported-begin##Howard and Pat Myers##imported-end##*

March 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Betty was that special ray of sunshine that if you are lucky, you get to have in your life. My thoughts and prayers are with all her family at this time. Just remember how her smile brightened up a room. And she'll be there.##imported-begin##April Curnow##imported-end##

March 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We will miss you Miss Boop, you were always the life of the party. We had some good times. Wish I could be their for your Cindy and Bill. We always loved you. Anne & Larry##imported-begin##Anne Bragg##imported-end##

March 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Donna, Joe & Krista, and the whole family~~ I was so sorry to hear of your loss, knowing the love you had for Mom/Grammy. Her memories will be with you forever, and what a blessing those memories hold. Cherish them! Love, Glo##imported-begin##Gloria Delaney##imported-end##

March 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Betty always made it very clear how proud she was of her family. You all have wonderful memories to cherish.##imported-begin##Darrell & Linda Lizotte##imported-end##

March 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I was fortunate to have known Betty for the past 8 years and always enjoyed our converstaions and laughs. She showed an admirable zest for life and spunk that was a gift for all to share. Betty was a "good and faithful servant", devoted to her family of 4 generations and will surely be missed. I think she would want her death to remind us that life is fragile and should be lived well. We all have some great memories! My love to her family...you are all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jocelyn ##imported-end##

March 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Good and happy memories will sustain us until we meet again. With our love to all the family. Good by for now dearest friend. Love, George and Roberta##imported-begin##Roberta Bell##imported-end##

March 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill, Mark, Cindy, Donna and families,

We are so sorry for your loss. Keep the happy memories and know she is still looking out for you.

Glenn and Pat##imported-begin##Glenn & Pat Catania##imported-end##

March 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Grammy, not everyone gets the chance for their grandmothers to be such a big part of their lives. We are all so grateful to have had this chance and for the important role you played in our lives. I will never forget all the times we shared throughout my years growing up and the extra special time you spent with all of your great-grandchildren. We love you always Grammy.*

Love,

Mark, Amy, Anna & Wyatt##imported-begin##Mark

Daigle##imported-end##

March 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mom,
You were an awesome mom, loved more than you will ever know. You made such a difference in so many of the lives that you touched.. you were the greatest mom and grandma...thanks for your love and guidance and help you gave so unselfishly..Love you always,Cindy##imported-begin##Cynthia Daigle##imported-end##*

March 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Grammy, We were so blessed to have you in our lives for so long, we love you and we'll miss you.*

Love,

Michael, Emily & William##imported-begin##Michael

Daigle##imported-end##

March 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM