



Elizabeth Mihaly

August 1, 1926 - February 4, 2012

Elizabeth "Betty" Mihaly, 85, of West Hartford, CT and formerly Somerville, NJ went home peacefully to the Lord and the loving embrace of her beloved husband Paul, February 4, 2012. Born Elizabeth Fay Cleland, August 1, 1926 in Hartford, CT, Betty met the love of her life Paul P. Mihaly, Jr., at the Osprey in Manasquan on the Jersey shore. They married May 10, 1950 and built and made their happy home on Washington Place in Somerville, NJ. They enjoyed close friendships with neighbors and had the pleasure of living next to Paul's brother and his family. Five years later, in accordance with Betty's plan, their first son, David Paul was born. She left her job as a legal secretary to stay home with David and three years later Kevin was born.

Betty was a devoted mother and wife. Her home was where neighborhood children would stop in and be assured a cookie and lemonade. Nieces, nephews and friends often sought Betty's wise counsel. She was a good listener, diplomatic and sage. She was always happy to enjoy a cup of coffee and chat and she generously shared recipes and taught several nieces to bake and cook.

When both sons were in school, Betty began her employment as personal assistant to businessman and author Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, Jr. for whom she worked for more than 35 years. She enjoyed the friendship formed between the Mihaly and Frelinghuysen families.

Betty and Paul were blessed with two daughters-in-love and three grandchildren; Dara Cheyenne of Los Angeles, born to David and loved by

David's wife Shayla, both of San Francisco, CA; and Ryan Paul and Sean Salvatore, born to Kevin and Rose, all of Avon, CT. With these relations, Betty also became known as G.Ma, Nana, Mother M and MaMihaly. Betty and Paul loved travelling and visiting California and Connecticut. Many weekends were taken in at Point Pleasant. The annual trips to Wildwood and Cape May were treasured as were vacations on LBI with children and grandchildren.

Betty and Paul celebrated a romantic 50th anniversary in Maui prior to Paul's death 7 months later in January 2001. Betty was ambivalent about life after Paul, yet she thrived and spoke often of her love for life. She also loved the Yankees and pro tennis, especially Roger Federer and cherished her small circle of dear friends representing various parts of life. She was grateful for the new friends she made at The McCauley where she lived since 2009. A beautiful heart-centered woman, grounded in spirituality and pragmatism, Betty's life came full circle departing in Hartford where she was born.

We will celebrate Betty's life on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at noon at Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Road West, West Hartford, CT. If you wish to, donate to the charity of your choice in Betty's memory. Further details and a guest book are available at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Elizabeth Mihaly was a stellar being. A very profound teacher, a very kind person....we miss and love her very much. Fly free, dear one. a bientot.##imported-begin##David and Shayla Mihaly##imported-end##

February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt betty was a good person. I had no idea that she was sick. she will be missed but she will always be in my heart and memories. i love you aunt betty. sorry for you loss. love the smith family. vincent smith matthew smith scott smith sue smith aka sue Mihaly. our heart goes out to you Sorry we couldn't make it. She will be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Vincent smith##imported-end##

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“ Our Aunt Betty will be deeply missed. She was my favorite aunt, and my daddy's precious little sister. Her humor, love of life and family, and kindness remains in the hearts of those of us who had the pleasure of calling her family and friend.

The times we spent together, both in person and on the phone, will always be cherished memories. And oh, the conversations we had, talking about silly nonsense, and deep life altering subjects all at once, and always, always laughing!

I am very thankful for my cousins, Dave and Kevin, and their families, and pray God's peace on their lives as they go through this difficult process. Your mom, my Aunt Betty, is a jewel and is shining brighter than ever now!

We love you all,

JoLynn, Jim, Jarred, and Desiree##imported-begin##JoLynn Johnson##imported-end##

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“ She was my favorite Aunt, who gave unconditional love and always welcomed me with open arms. She loved Asti Spumante, and Vodka gimlets.....and of course coffee! Her love of life lives on in our hearts. I will miss her girlish giggles, saying "Bunga Bunga", and being called, "Freda Kay". Prayers and love to my cousins and their families. Love, Alfreda##imported-begin##Alfreda Mihaly Hein##imported-end##

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“*Rey and I are hoping we will be able to share in celebrating the beautiful life that Betty lived. There was no person who meant more or added more to our lives. We are sad now but have many, many memories to share with all her loved ones. Thank you for the beautiful summary of her life. Hugs and blessings to all her family. LJ as Betty called me and Rey##imported-begin##Laura J. Minnich##imported-end##*

February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM