



Betty Jane (Keirstead) Eddy

February 4, 1930 - December 13, 2020

RUTLAND – Betty Jane (Keirstead) Eddy, loving mother, wife, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to many, passed away surrounded by her family in Rutland on Sunday, December 13. She was 90.

Betty was born in Worcester and raised in New Bedford, graduating from New Bedford High School. She moved to Worcester to attend the Salter School, and it was around this time she met the love of her life, David Eddy, Jr. Together, they moved to Rutland where they raised their family.

She worked many years at Devereux School in Rutland as a Director of Residential Services before working as the Director of Volunteers for Worcester Juvenile Court. She was an active member of the Rutland Historical Society, the First Congregational Church of Rutland, the Women's Republican Club of Worcester County, and the Rutland Republican Town Committee.

Very few people in Rutland didn't know who Betty was. She touched the lives of so many with her generous and caring nature.

Over the years, she would take in many foster children through the catholic charities and provide a caring and comforting home before they would find their next home. She rarely said no to helping those in need. She cared so deeply for her children and those she helped along the way.

In her later years, she enjoyed traveling with her husband in their motorhome and camping with her family.

She will be missed dearly by her seven daughters, Laurie Eddy of Rutland, Nancy Rutter and her husband, Kenneth of Portsmouth, RI, Cynthia Sherwood and her husband, Steven of Rutland, Brenda Eddy of Rutland, Linda Bateman and her life partner, Nancy of Spencer, Gayle Jeanne Eddy-Grenier of Rutland, and Sandra Christian and her husband,

Kevin of Rutland; her son, David Eddy IV and his wife, Claudia of Holden; and Robert Gross and his wife Kathy of Holden: six grandchildren, Kent, Jason, Caitlin, Jaclyn, Erikka, and Alicia; and several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her loving husband, David H. Eddy, Jr., three sisters, Shirley Wilkins, Joan Gentile, and Susan Witcher, and her beloved granddaughter, Danielle Christian.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Betty's family from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Friday, December 18, at the Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main St., Holden. A funeral service honoring her life will be held the following day, Saturday, December 19, at 11 am, at the First Congregational Church of Rutland, 264 Main St, Rutland. Social distancing and face masks are required for attendees at both gatherings. Her burial will be held privately at Rural Cemetery in Rutland at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be made to the Rutland Historical Society, 232 Main St. PO Box 69, Rutland, MA 01543 or to the First Congregational Church of Rutland, 264 Main St., Rutland, MA 01543. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Miles Funeral Home, Greater Worcester Funeral Care.

Cemetery

Events

Rural Cemetery
Main Street
Rutland, MA, 01543

DEC 18 **Calling Hours** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

Miles Funeral Home
1158 Main Street (Rte. 122A), Holden, MA, US, 01520

DEC 19 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

First Congregational Church of Rutland
264 Main Street, Rutland, MA, US, 01543

Comments



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I got to meet Betty Eddy at the local grocery market. She was so friendly. I used to be her cashier. I would look forward to seeing her every week. She will be missed.

Amanda Tomkinson - December 22, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ I'm sorry for your loss. God Speed
Bill Parquette

Bill P - December 19, 2020 at 08:34 AM



“ To the Eddy Family my deepest condolences to you all. Betty was one of a kind. I will always remember her.

Pat Carroll - December 18, 2020 at 09:32 AM



“ Thank you Pay 🙏

Gayle Jeanne Eddy - December 18, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ So sorry to you all for your loss of your wonderful mother and grandmother and aunt she was a great person love to all of you from Karin Prucnal

Karin Prucnal - December 17, 2020 at 09:27 PM



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Gayle Jeanne Eddy - December 18, 2020 at 05:30 AM



“ Betty I miss our talks . So sorry for your loss Joan Palmer

joan s palmer - December 17, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss - a wonderful life, well lived. We have so many fond memories of your Mom & Dad. All of the visits to Salmon Beach, New Brunswick, with multiple family members over the years, and our visits to Massachusetts to visit the 'American Cousins'. Until we meet again, please accept our deepest condolences.
Love and virtual hugs to all.
Take care,
Glen, Sue, Oliver, Marika & families.
(Your Mom always called me Glennie)

Glen & Sue - December 17, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ Thank you 🙏

Gayle Jeanne Eddy - December 18, 2020 at 05:31 AM



“ Nancy and the rest of the family, I'm so sorry to see of your Mom's passing. I have many fond memories of our years in Rainbow Girls together. The meetings, instillations and many wonderful projects. Your Mom was always a steady but her gentle hand guide the way. Again, so sorry for you loss. Leslye (Mongeon) Warner

Leslye A Warner - December 17, 2020 at 07:57 AM



“ I always enjoyed seeing Betty. Every time I saw her, I always told her that she was my favorite Republican. I had the pleasure to work with one of her daughter, Sandy So Sad for her family, Bob Wilby, Paxton

Robert A Wilby - December 17, 2020 at 07:37 AM



“ Aunt Betty and Betty Eddy both make me smile to say them and hear them. The eldest sister was always kind, thoughtful, loving and caring. Only special people can be called Aunty. You have touched so many in a positive way. Thanks for being you!

Matteo Gentile - December 16, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ Mattie you make me 

Gayle Jeanne Eddy - December 18, 2020 at 01:16 PM



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Gayle Jeanne Eddy Grenier - December 16, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ So many memories, we supported each other through the many years of our friendship. Through the Rainbow Girls, boys basketball, camping trips and watching all of our children grow into the strong and caring men and women that you are. I hope the many memories will help to get through the holidays. Your mom will be watching over each of you. Hugs to all of you.

Diane Eddy

Diane Eddy - December 18, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ Thank you Aunt Diane 

Gayle Jeanne Eddy - December 18, 2020 at 01:17 PM