



Elizabeth W. "Betty" Calvin

September 13, 1925 - June 24, 2014

Elizabeth W. "Betty" Calvin, 88, of Philmont, died Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Hudson.

Born September 13, 1925 in North Newry, Maine, she was the daughter of Lon and Susan (Ferren) Wight. Her father was First Selectman of the Town of Newry and a member of the Maine State House of Representatives. Her mother served as Town Clerk for many years.

After completing elementary grades in a one-room schoolhouse, Betty attended high school at Gould Academy in Bethel ME. She majored in English at Gorham (ME) State Teachers College, where she was assigned to tutor another student who needed help with a music class. His name was Carl Calvin. Things harmonized, and they were married August 31, 1947.

Music was a constant source of joy throughout Betty's life. She taught music in the Chatham and Ockawamick central school districts for many years. She founded the Philmont Community Chorus and was its conductor for over 25 years.

For 46 years, she was the organist for the Philmont United Methodist Church. She was a member and past dean of the Hudson-Catskill Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Surviving besides her husband Carl are three sons, Lynn (Suzy) Calvin of Clifton Park NY, James (Jean) Calvin of Valatie NY, and Jeffrey (Bridget) Calvin of Shiremanstown PA; a son-in-law, Robert Marcolese of Charlotte NC; five grandchildren, Jane Calvin, Alissa James, Amanda Calvin, Elizabeth Calvin, and Kimberly Cooper; and two great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Susan Elizabeth Calvin Marcolese, and by her brother, Daniel Wight.

Calling hours are 4-7 pm Friday at the Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Organ Fund at the Philmont United Methodist Church, Philmont, NY, 12565.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Lynn, Susan, Jimmy and Jeff,
Just learned of your father's passing, which led me here--albeit 5 years too late!!
I am so sorry to learn of both your parents' passing. They were such a huge part of my childhood in their own ways, and were so kind and supportive to me when my father, Richard Harder, passed nearly 10 years ago.
Wishing you all much love and best wishes for the times ahead.
With very kind regards,
Leigh(Harder) Trifari
-formerly of Philmont (and the Philmont United Methodist Church)

LEIGH A TRIFARI - April 22, 2019 at 07:32 AM

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“ Carl, Lynn and family,

So sorry to learn Betty has passed. All those memories from so many years ago.
All the kindness, the hugs and wise words she gave me. So devoted to her God and her family. Those were the days!

With all life shows us it would be so nice to go back to those times when we were younger and practically carefree. In God's plan for us we will all meet again one day.

My thoughts and prayers go up for you all. Love to all.

Ann Lecroy (Ann Metzger)

Ann Lecroy - June 27, 2014 at 01:23 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Elizabeth's passing. Even though I knew her such a short time I found out that she was a caring and sweet person who loved people and music and was all about her family. I enjoyed spending time with her and having a cup of tea. I send condolences to her family in this difficult time. I am afraid I will not be able to make the calling hours but I am praying for you all in this time.

dawn Myer - June 25, 2014 at 08:18 AM