



Elizabeth J. "Betty" Whyte Jenkins

September 22, 1921 - September 17, 2020

Elizabeth J. "Betty" Whyte Jenkins, 98, highly regarded long-time Athens resident and businesswoman, passed away peacefully at home in Gilbert, AZ on September 17, 2020 days away from her 99th birthday with her son-in-law, Miguel Perez by her side.

"Betty" as she was known by her family and many dear friends was born in Sayre, PA on September 22, 1921, and was raised by her loving grandparents, Margaret and Patrick Whyte. She was a graduate of Athens High School with the Class of 1939 and in early years was employed in the office of Dr. George Meikle in Athens. On September 26, 1942, Betty married Thomas Morgan Jenkins originally of Waymart, PA at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Athens. In 1946, Tom and Betty entered into the funeral profession as the Jenkins Funeral Home located on North Main Street in Athens and provided dedicated and caring personal service to families throughout the area for many years. Their only child, Thomas M. "Thom" Jenkins Jr. later joined them in the operation of the family funeral home for several years. Following the death of her husband Tom on August 5, 1989, Betty continued the operation of the funeral home with the assistance of Melvin Lovell, funeral director, until 1991. With the desire to be near her son who resided in Gilbert, Arizona, Betty made the heart-felt decision to move to Arizona to spend her retirement years. Betty deeply cherished her life-long friendships with her loved ones at "home" in the valley area and maintained close contact with them over the years. Betty made any new friends in Arizona and was greatly

comforted by all upon the passing of her son Thom on July 16, 2018.

Betty was a truly warm and devoted professional woman who loved being of assistance and caring for others. Betty's strong faith and devotion to God gave her great strength, wisdom, guidance, and comfort during life's most difficult times. Betty was a life communicant of Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Athens and the church Altar and Rosary Society until the Athens parish closed in May of 2010. She then became a communicant of the Church of the Epiphany in Sayre. Active in many community affairs throughout the years, Betty was a charter member of the Sayre-Athens Lioness Club and held membership with the Athens Business and Professional Women and the Valley Red Hats Society. She enjoyed playing cards and loved to play golf with her friends at The Club at Shepard Hills in Waverly, NY where she was a member. Betty's prayers to go home to be with her Lord have been answered. May she now have eternal rest and peace.

Betty is survived by her son-in-law and loving caregiver, Miguel Perez of Gilbert AZ, family members, George and Sandra Whyte and family of Athens, Zella Dixon and family of Barton, NY, Marjorie Edwards and family of Lake Ariel, PA and Linda Jenkins and family of Connecticut.

Family and friends are invited to call at the Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home 314 Desmond St. Sayre, PA on Wednesday, September 30th, 2020 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, October 1st, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the Church of the Epiphany, South Elmer Avenue, Sayre, PA with Rev. Andrew Hvozdovic, pastor, as celebrant.

Interment will follow in Tioga Point Cemetery, Athens, PA. The family suggests that contributions may be directed to the Church of the Epiphany, 304 South Elmer Avenue, Sayre, PA 18840 in memory of Elizabeth J. Betty Whyte Jenkins, Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Tioga Point Cemetery

803 North Main Street
Athens, PA 18810

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 30. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home
314 Desmond Street
Sayre, PA 18840
(570) 888-2113
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

Service

OCT 1. 9:30 AM (ET)

Church of the Epiphany
304 S Elmer Ave
Sayre, PA 18840

Tribute Wall



“ Elizabeth J. "Betty" Whyte Jenkins

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Elizabeth J. "Betty" Whyte Jenkins

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ Elizabeth J. "Betty" Whyte Jenkins

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Elizabeth J. "Betty" Whyte Jenkins

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ Elizabeth J. "Betty" Whyte Jenkins

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

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“ I met Betty Jenkins as a member of a Elite Bridge Club Group of her contemporaries. All members were of an older generation than myself. I was the newbie player that sometimes substituted for the group. It was a great experience to associate with these ladies. After meeting Betty, I realized she was outgoing and that she knew so many people in the Valley from years of participating in community groups and helping bereaved families through her business.

She was a unique human being and I am so glad I had the opportunity to have met and visited with her over games of Bridge. Rest In Peace, Betty, and be sure to play your card right in the here after.

a special dignity and grace. It was a pleasure to have met Betty and had the price

Karen Bracken - September 28, 2020 at 04:08 PM

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“ Claire Holton-Lizon lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth J. "Betty" Whyte Jenkins



Claire Holton-Lizon - September 26, 2020 at 11:06 AM