



Helen Elizabeth "Betty" Barrett

April 2, 1921 - January 10, 2020

Helen Elizabeth "Betty" Barrett of Towanda died January 10th at the age of 98. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, a dedicated teacher and social worker, and devout in her faith.

Betty was the eldest of eight children of Col. John F. A. and Helen Kelly Beirne of Towanda. The family resided on Watts St. until 1938 and then moved to a farm near Liberty Corners which has been the site for many happy family gatherings over the years.

Betty graduated from Towanda High School in 1938 and earned her bachelor's degree at Mansfield University in 1942 and a master's degree in social work at the University of Pennsylvania in 1949.

In 1949, she married Patrick J. Barrett Jr. The couple was blessed with four children and resided on their dairy farm in Marshview for 63 years. Betty was an avid reader and enjoyed life in the countryside. Throughout her life, she was a member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Parish in Towanda and participated in various civic organizations, notably the American Association of University Women. She was also fond of traveling with her husband during her retirement.

Throughout her career, Betty worked as a teacher and social worker at several local agencies and school districts. She served as the director of the Bradford County Child Welfare Agency. Betty was a teacher and guidance counselor at the Towanda Middle School from 1968 until her retirement in 1986.

Betty was predeceased by her husband Patrick, son Kevin, and grandson Simon as well as her parents and siblings John Beirne, Virginia Beirne, Robert Beirne, Thomas Beirne, Michael Beirne, and Daniel Beirne. Betty is survived by her brother Patrick Beirne and his wife Carol and sister-in-law Shirley Beirne. She is also survived by her children and their families.

Her son Patrick Barrett III and his wife Diane reside in Canton and their daughter Amanda is married to Alex Mattera.

Her son Daniel Barrett resides in Athens with his wife Janice. Their daughters and spouses are Catherine (Katie) and Zachary Gima, Emily and Matthew Zahand, and Laura and Gary Marosy.

Her daughter-in-law Catherine (Cathy) Mattocks Barrett resides near Towanda and her daughters and their husbands are Samantha and John McDonald and Abigail and John Fitzpatrick.

Her daughter Jennifer resides in Scranton with her husband Lawrence Gallagher. Their children are Lawrence Gallagher Jr., Elizabeth and her husband Dustin D'Angelo, and John (Jack) Gallagher.

Betty is survived by 9 great-grandchildren: Gregory and Adam Fitzpatrick, Lucy and Robert Gima, Madison and Kevin McDonald, Daniel and Michael Marosy, and Benjamin Zahand.

Betty's family thanks the staff and residents at the Towanda Personal Care Home for their fine care and good company over the past six years.

Her family will receive friends on Tuesday, January 14th from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, 217 York Avenue, Towanda, Pennsylvania.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Wednesday, January 15th at 10:00 AM at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church on 3rd St. in Towanda.

Interment will be at a later date in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, North Towanda Township, PA.

Memories and condolences may be shared by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

S.S. Peter & Paul Cemetery

30 James Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **14**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
(570) 265-2272
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

Service

JAN **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

S.S. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church
106 Third Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Elizabeth "Betty" Barrett* ”

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Helen Elizabeth "Betty" Barrett* ”

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Helen Elizabeth "Betty" Barrett* ”

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Helen Elizabeth "Betty" Barrett* ”

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Helen Elizabeth "Betty" Barrett* ”

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

KW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Betty was a fine role model, a loving, caring, compassionate woman, always there for her family as well as others. I met her over thirty years ago as a new member of AAUW and enjoyed her values, as well as her dedication to her family, friends, and community. She always had a quiet and calm presence and offered wonderful advice and suggestions. I enjoyed seeing her at TPCH in her golden years where she still had her quiet calm and warm inviting smile. Betty will be missed.

Karen Alai Wilson - January 20, 2020 at 01:19 AM

BE

“ Beverly, David, Mark, Paul, Sally, Greg, George etc purchased the Peaceful Rest for the family of Helen Elizabeth "Betty" Barrett.



Beverly, David, Mark, Paul, Sally, Greg, George etc - January 14, 2020 at 06:11 PM

BA

“ Sorry for your loss sending our condolences
The Allyn family

Brett allyn - January 14, 2020 at 02:20 PM

LK

“ Judy and I send our sincerest condolences to the entire Barrett and Beirne family on the passing of Helen “Betty” Barrett, a true legacy lady and pioneer in the prominence of women in our modern society and a source of inspiration and encouragement to all who knew her or even of her. We are certain that her accomplishments as recited in the obituary represent only a small part of her life and importance in her family. Special condolences to Dan and Pat whom I have known, respected and called “friends” for decades.

Sincerely, Larry and Judy Kelly, Montrose.

Laurence M Kelly - January 14, 2020 at 11:24 AM

CH

“ Claire Holton-Lizon lit a candle in memory of Helen Elizabeth “Betty” Barrett



Claire Holton-Lizon - January 14, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Helen Elizabeth “Betty” Barrett.



January 13, 2020 at 02:19 PM

CB

“ Sincere condolences to the whole family.

Chuck Bullock - January 13, 2020 at 11:29 AM

KN

“ Karen, Cam, Melissa and Scott McDonald (Durham, NC purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Helen Elizabeth "Betty" Barrett.



Karen, Cam, Melissa and Scott McDonald (Durham, NC -
January 13, 2020 at 09:05 AM

JB

“ Jim & Kyu Beirne purchased the Lavender & White Standing Spray for the family of Helen Elizabeth "Betty" Barrett.



Jim & Kyu Beirne - January 12, 2020 at 08:13 PM

KB

“ our Deepest sympathy on the loss your beloved mother and grandmother. she will be missed by everyone who was a part of her life. Kathie Blow, Jade Blow and Amber Dudick



Kathie Blow - January 12, 2020 at 06:59 PM

DA

“ Dan and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your Family at this time! Your Mom was a great lady. I have fond memories of growing up in Towanda with the Barrett's. Take care. Love. Diane Bloomer Allis

Diane Bloomer Allis - January 12, 2020 at 05:56 PM

RG

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. May God bless you all. Mr and Mrs Ronald Gregus

ronald gregus - January 12, 2020 at 03:31 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Helen Elizabeth "Betty" Barrett.



January 12, 2020 at 03:11 PM

EP

“ I had great respect and admiration for Betty Barrett. She was a kind and wonderful lady. I would like to express my deepest sympathies to the Barrett Family.

Eileen (Barrett) Pizza - January 12, 2020 at 10:24 AM

SM

“ Sal and Cathy Mattera purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Helen Elizabeth "Betty" Barrett.



Sal and Cathy Mattera - January 12, 2020 at 10:14 AM

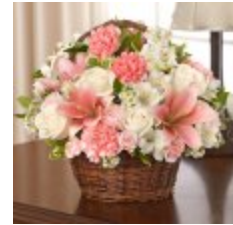
MA

“ My condolences to all Betty's family for the loss of your mother, grandmother. This lady was always the most pleasant person no matter what. I loved being greeted every morning by her smile, her wonderful compliments and her wonderful stories. I find it an honor to have been in her company for 3-4 years of my life. She was a wonderful loving person.-Mary Adams Former Administrator Personal Care Home

Mary Adams - January 12, 2020 at 10:14 AM

DF

“ Don, Kelly Beirne Wilhelm and Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White for the family of Helen Elizabeth "Betty" Barrett.



Don, Kelly Beirne Wilhelm and Family - January 12, 2020 at 09:04 AM

PG

“ I always enjoyed the conversations with Betty that we had when she walked on our road.
Pat Girven -Portsmouth NH

Patricia Girven - January 12, 2020 at 05:47 AM

JD

My thoughts and prayers are with you. I have many fond memories of your mother.

Julia Ross Devenny

Julia Devenny - January 13, 2020 at 04:04 PM

DS

Pat, Diane and all your family our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Sincerely Dorothy Shay and John Sauro

Dorothy Shay Sauro - January 14, 2020 at 11:40 AM