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Elizabeth Lee (Betty) Potter (nee Campbell), age 90 of Novi, Michigan passed away on Saturday, June 20, 2020. She was the beloved wife of the late Horace W. "Hoie" Potter, Jr. loving mother of Cynthia (Arvid) Petersen, Elizabeth (Lawrence) Jenkins, John (Deborah) Potter, James (Christine) Potter; caring grandmother of Nicholas (Melissa) Petersen, Patrick Petersen, Cheryl (Robert) Burke, Haley (Theodore) Lascari, Brittney (Stanley) Racinski, Sarah (Jeremy) Frenznick, Alicia (Ryan) Swain, Courtney (Jacob) Olson, Michael Potter and Emily Potter; a dear great -grandmother to 13, soon to be 14. She was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, a graduate and a huge fan of Michigan State University.

Elizabeth Lee (Betty) Campbell came into this world July 9, 1929 as the first child of Thelma and John Lees Campbell in Chicago, Illinois. They moved to Lima Ohio where she spent most of her childhood growing up. It was in high school that she met the love of her life, Horace Potter, Jr. They attended Michigan State University together and after graduation in May of 1951 were married in the month of June that same year. They began their life together moving about with the Navy and finally settled in Birmingham, Michigan. Throughout the years they would add 4 children to their lives, 10 grandchildren and eventually 13 great grandchildren with one due shortly.

Betty had two careers over her lifetime. She was a medical assistant for many years and followed that with the Troy public library in the circulation department. Being a person who loved to work, she chose to retire at the age of 85.

She was a dynamic personality with an infectious beautiful smile, impeccable taste and utmost class, who lived by the motto "Never take your ball and go home". She loved unconditionally, had the biggest heart, and was so proud of every one of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Betty was hilarious, sassy, loved a good time, rose

to every challenge that came her way, was a great listener and would always be there for whatever was needed. She loved MSU football and cheered them on every play, and was teased by her daughter, every fall, that she should be at the top of the cheerleading pyramid. She was an avid reader, did crossword puzzles to keep her memory sharp, loved to make people smile, and loved learning – even computers. Always very progressive in her thinking. Most people would have never guessed her age! She actually drove her car up until the pandemic shut down and was very self-sufficient. She told one of her granddaughters, who had voiced her concern about her being alone during the lockdown, “I’ve lived through a lot more in my 90 years than a virus, this isn’t my first rodeo.” She always thought of others, and even when in the hospital and asked by the chaplain “Who do you want to pray for?” Her answer was always “My family”.

We know that Heaven now has another angel to watch over all of us. We hope that she was greeted with open arms by our dad, the Campbell/Potter clan that have gone before, and that a grand party was thrown in her honor ... always the Belle of the ball! She is loved greatly and will be missed deeply. God bless you mom!

Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Comments



“ Growing old slowly and being blessed by a loving family is what we all aspire too. I am so happy that you and your family helped Betty find the joy and happiness she so deserved after Hoie's death. It was wonderful seeing how happy she was at my sister Jackie's memorial service to be surrounded by her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Thank you so much for all you have done as a family.
Love, Uncle Rich Potter

Richard B. "Rich" Potter - June 22 at 09:45 AM



“ Hoie and Betty are having a grand party with Jim and Jackie....talking about MSU Sports...Love and will miss Aunt Betty. My prayers to you all...

Julie and Brian Baker

Julie Baker - June 21 at 08:45 PM



“ Jim your mother looked Great!please let us know when and where the memorial will be. Love bob and Fran Masek please call us. 248-884-3137

Bob Masek - June 21 at 07:49 PM



“ Bob Masek rememberers when he was walking Charlie & Howe & Betty came walking out of the house & said to bob, why don't you tie the Dog up & come in & have a Drink! Lol

Bob Masek - June 21 at 07:23 PM