

Betty Louise Dunham

March 18, 1925 - January 30, 2024

Betty Louise (Thomas) Dunham, 98, of Sunny Isles Beach, FL passed away peacefully on January 30, 2024. She was born at home in Cartersburg, IN on March 18, 1925, to the late Francis Leroy Thomas and Josephine Elizabeth (Ford) Harlan.

Betty grew up in Clayton, IN and was the oldest of 7 children. When her mother moved to Plainfield, IN before her senior year, she remained behind to graduate from Clayton High School, where she played clarinet in the band all 4 years.

On April 10, 1943, she married the love of her life Tyint Dunham. He passed away in 1992 just before their 49th anniversary. Their 2 children, Linda Jo (Dunham) Plunkett and Richard Dunham also preceded her in death.

Betty held various jobs, most notably for RCA in Indianapolis, where she built radios. In 1946, she helped build the very first TV that went down the assembly line! She eventually became a team leader. She also spent many years decorating cakes at Schwab's Grocery in Mooresville, IN and made wedding cakes for many of her nieces and nephews. Her hobbies included crocheting, quilting, and handbells. She also traveled extensively, visiting family all over the country by using the free flight benefits from her son's job. Her favorite destination was Sanibel Island, where she enjoyed collecting

shells. She loved dogs, especially small ones, and could often be found with one on her lap.

Betty retired in 2000, joining her son Richard in Jacksonville, FL. She was very active at the Mandarin Senior Center, serving as treasurer. It was not unusual for her to play 6 bingo cards at a time, favoring the ones with "O-75" in a corner! After her son passed away in 2015, she moved further south to live with her niece's family, Carla and Maynard Mast. She kept busy doing jigsaw puzzles, word search books, and writing letters. She was particularly fond of Maynard's cooking, especially his liver and onions. Her great-nephew Nolan affectionately called her "grandma aunt Betty." In 2018, they took her on her last great adventure, visiting her sister Lola in Arizona and sister-in-law Mitsue in California.

Betty was a member of Eastern Star and the Naomi Rebekah's Lodge in Plainfield. In 1997, she served as the District Deputy for the Rebekah's district 19 in Indiana.

In addition to her parents, husband, and children, Betty was preceded in death by her siblings Robert Irvin Thomas, Joann (Thomas) Hoffman, Carolyn Thomas (infant), Carl David Thomas, and John Leon Thomas. She is survived by her sister Lola Sebring of Mesa, AZ along with many beloved nieces and nephews.

Betty was cremated in Florida and local funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel, in Monrovia. Friends and Family are invited to meet at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, in Hall, Indiana, on Saturday, July 6, 2024, where Pastor Jack Elliott will begin the Committal Service at 12:30pm and Inurnment will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at www.cff.org to honor the memory of her daughter Linda Jo Plunkett. To share a favorite story, send an

online condolence to the family, or light a candle in her memory, please visit her tribute page at www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Hall

5409 W. Hurt Road
Monrovia, IN 46157

Previous Events

Committal Service & Inurnment

JUL 6. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Betty and Ty helped our families after the 1968 tornado destroyed our homes. God gave us many angels and blessings in those times. We were so grateful for them. Richard was in Nam and knew his parents were helping. Richard, Darryl & Bob always the brothers and shared many, many events with Betty & Ty. My sister, Sandi, and I were just yesterday at Mt. Pleasant placing flowers. Red, white and blue for Darryl and Ty Dunham. May they all rest in peace in God’s loving arms. Brenda Holcomb Morgan

Brenda Morgan - May 15, 2024 at 01:16 PM

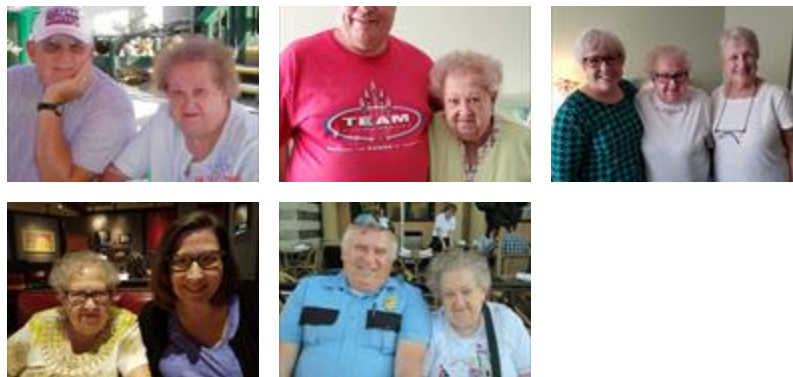
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Thank you for the kind words. I remember hearing about that tornado! I'm here niece who spent every weekend at their house. I saw Darryl at Richard's funeral, then shortly after that he passed as well. I found Bob's senior picture in my aunt's things and he has written a really nice note to Richard. Thank you for visiting Mt Pleasant 🙏

Carla Mast - May 15, 2024 at 11:00 PM

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“ Family memories



Carla Mast - May 15, 2024 at 09:19 AM

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“ *She was one of a kind.* ”



Carla Mast - May 15, 2024 at 09:18 AM

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“ *So many happy memories with my dear aunt* ”



Carla Mast - May 15, 2024 at 09:14 AM

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“ Nolan and his beloved "grandma aunt Betty"



Carla Mast - May 15, 2024 at 09:12 AM

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“ Betty's 90th birthday party in Jacksonville



Carla Mast - May 15, 2024 at 09:10 AM

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“ *Sanibel memories*



Carla Mast - May 15, 2024 at 08:49 AM

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“ *Aunt Betty's last great adventure to AZ and CA 2018*



Carla Mast - May 15, 2024 at 08:46 AM

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“ Aunt Betty's 98th birthday party March 2023



Carla Mast - May 15, 2024 at 08:41 AM