



Betty H. "Betts" Shultz

April 5, 1918 - January 13, 2017

Heaven just got a little bit more lively! On Friday, January 13, Betty Hoffman Shultz (Betts), 98, took the party upstairs, leaving behind her sons Steve and Tim, daughters-in-law, Diann, Susie and Louise, nephew Barry and niece Barbara, their spouses Diane and Harry, 6 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Those who knew her will never forget her feisty nature and the impact she had on the lives she touched and her community.

Betts was born in Bernardsville, NJ, on April 5, 1918. Always one to take the road less traveled, she entered Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in September 1935, where she was one of only three women in her class. While acquiring her degree, she also acquired her beloved husband, classmate Walter W. Shultz, II. The two newlywed doctors, after earning their degrees and licenses, made their home in Lebanon, PA, building a busy practice, social life and family.

Lebanon needed an outlet for creative expression, and Betts answered the call! Combining her talents for inspiring collaboration and fundraising, she worked with other like-minded residents to get the money together to establish the Lebanon Community Theatre. When the original location was destroyed by fire, she helped to re-establish the Theatre in its current location in the Red Barn adjacent to Stoever's Dam. She directed the first play in the new theater in 1975.

In 1977, Betts took her advocacy efforts into the political arena and was

elected to City Council where she served for two terms. A tireless debater of policy and relentless "hounder" of local politicians, some might say she never realized that she wasn't on City Council after her last term ended in 1985. One of her most treasured accomplishments during her tenure was saving Stoever's Dam Park for future generations to enjoy.

Upon her arrival in Heaven, for which she will probably be late, Betts will be greeted by many whom she held dear. Among them will be her parents and brother, her husband and her two oldest sons, Walter III (Puggy) and Mike. Those who wish to celebrate the life and accomplishments of this remarkable woman are most welcome to join the family on February 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lebanon Community Theatre, East Maple Street and Theatre Drive, in Lebanon. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to the Lebanon Community Theatre or Stoever's Dam Park Friends.

Tribute Wall



“ Betty H. "Betts" Shultz

October 22, 2023 at 10:35 PM



“ Betty H. "Betts" Shultz

October 06, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ Betty H. "Betts" Shultz

October 05, 2023 at 11:43 PM



“ *My condolences to the entire Schultz family. I am presently collecting information and antiques for personal reasons of the medical college Betty attended. I acquired a medal presented to her as a 50 year alumna of the medical college. I think it should be placed back home with the family If anyone in the family is interested please contact me via email donnasterling100@yahoo.com for mailing instructions*

Donna Sterling - Nesquehoning, PA - March 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *I lived only one house away from Betts (on Cumberland St) when I was growing up. She was a friendly, fun and interesting neighbor. She always decorated the tree in front of their house at Easter and would lace it with free candy that passersby could take and sample at will. Such a neat person. Many fond memories.- RIP Betts*

Dieter Hauer - Trappe, PA - April 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ We were honored to spend time with Betts and the Shultz family for many years. We always looked forward to Christmas together with Tim and Steve and their families. The whole Shultz bunch, led by their dynamic and fun loving mother, treated us like family. Although we moved away several years ago those memories and the laughter shared at the Holidays will live with our family for ever. We miss you Betts. With much love, Bill, Vicki, and Nick Clark

Bill and Vicki Clark - Galway, NY - February 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Betts, you were a role model for me in many respects... I grew up a couple houses down from you. Rest in peace, and my sympathy to your lovely family.

Marie Hauer Spinelli - Lebanon, PA - neighbor - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ She was my Godmother and a really good one. I loved her dearly.

Sally Killian - Bloomfield Hills, MI - friend - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PU

“ We lived 2 doors from Betts and are all saddened by her passing. She was an amazing woman at sooo many levels. A more interesting woman you will never meet. She had a heart of gold and loved her family and friends. The Hauers and all her family and friends will always love her. Heaven did in fact just become a more fun place. Rest in peace Betts Peter Hauer

Peter Hauer - Salt Lake City, UT - February 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Schultz lived a very long and eventful life. She will forever leave a lasting imprint on the lives of the ones that she has touched. She is such a blessing to the world, and now will be looking over her friends and loved ones. God Bless and Sleep in Peace.

Danielle Davis - February 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Tim, Susie and Family, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. My heartfelt condolences for you and your family. May her soul rest in peace. Lisa Cors

Lisa Cors - Audubon, NJ - Coworker - February 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Betts supported my run for school board AND Mayor. She gave me encouragement and great campaigning tips. I will always remember her sense of humor and wise counsel. She was a Lebanon treasure!

Jackie Parker - Lebanon - February 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Your Mother was also a lifesaver---literally. She saved my Mom--- Betty Russell---by giving her CPR on a snowy evening in January, 1984. My Mom was driving down Cumberland St. on her way home from a card party with friends. She apparently experienced a cardiac arrest at the wheel of her car, which ended up on the sidewalk across the street from your parents house. Your Mother came to the rescue & gave her CPR on the front, bench seat of the car until the paramedics arrived. Although my Mom was left with some deficits---as she was in a coma for a few weeks---she lived to be 90 thanks to your Mom! Sending "thank you" flowers to your Mother was a very small gesture for what she did! What an extraordinary woman!Kathy Russell McGee

Kathryn McGee - Frederick, MD - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM