



Betty Jane "B.J." Searles

March 13, 1925 - October 13, 2020

Betty Jane "B.J." Searles, age 95, passed away peacefully Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Toledo. Born in Blairsville, Pennsylvania on March 13, 1925, she was the third child and only daughter of Elmer and Ella (Litzinger) Reese.

Along with her two brothers Harold and Don, the family moved to Altoona, Pennsylvania and then on to Warren, Ohio where she attended Warren G. Harding High School. She became a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority at Bowling Green State University where she met her longtime friend Phyllis Conroy. B.J. began teaching on the east side of Toledo while staying with the Hecklinger family. It was through them that she met Dan Searles. The couple soon wed at Collingwood Presbyterian Church and later became members of Epworth United Methodist Church.

B.J. stayed home to raise her family of three children while Dan ran the Searles Brothers Greenhouse on the family acreage on Dorr Street in west Toledo. As a member of Inverness Club, she enjoyed many years of playing golf, tennis, paddle tennis and cross-country skiing. She loved spending her summers at the family cottage in Michigan and boating on the Maumee River. B.J. had many talents and interests including painting, traveling, reading, crocheting, and sewing. She also enjoyed her two luncheon groups, the Jake's Group (former Jacobson's associates) and the Birthday Girls, especially when they went to Rosie's Italian Grille.

B.J. was a loving and caring person not only to her family and friends but to

everyone she met. She was a stylish and gracious lady all throughout her life. She is survived by her two sons and daughter, two grandsons and daughter-in-law, and several nieces and nephews. B.J. was preceded in death by her two brothers and husband. Honoring her wishes, there will be no visitation, and services and burial will be private.

B.J. and her family would like to thank the staffs of the University of Toledo Medical Center and Hospice of Northwest Ohio for all their devoted care. Also, thanks for everyone's thoughts and prayers, especially those from Barb Holtz and Rose LaNeve.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio, 800 South Detroit Avenue, Toledo, OH 43609. Please view and sign the guest registry at coylefuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Carlie, Ray, and Dan; I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I didn't know about it until just today. She was such a sweet lady. I remember her as always being so well dressed. Carlie, I have been trying to get in touch with you. I hope that you. I am on Facebook. I will try writing to you through the mail. Stay strong.*

Sue Cipriani-Cox - November 16, 2020 at 09:33 AM

JC

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about B.J.'s passing. She was so sweet and had such a wonderful smile. She stood out among my mother's friends, because, even when I was a little kid, she always gave me a warm welcome. She was one of my mother's (Molly Chapman) favorite people. My mother always spoke so highly of her and always enjoyed her company, especially when they played golf together at Inverness.
Again, my condolences.
John Chapman*

John Chapman - November 11, 2020 at 10:25 PM

NK

“ *I just learned today that B.J. Has passed away. She was always a bright spot in my day ,when I would see her. She was easy to adore, always a smile and kind word, she will be. Missed. 95 is an accomplishment. My deepest sympathy , Nancy Kabat*

nancy kabat - November 05, 2020 at 07:48 PM

CJ

“ Ray, I pray for your strength as you say good bye to your Mother, Ms. Searles. She was a sweet, kind and classy Lady. May her love and your memories carry you through this difficult time.

Always,
Your Letter Carrier, Carla Jenine

Carla Johnson - October 23, 2020 at 12:16 PM

JB

“ A wonderful neighbor and friend to the Burns family at Clark Lake for many years. Always a gracious, friendly, stylish lady. She will be missed by many. God bless and Rest In Peace 'Mrs Searles'

Jack Burns - October 22, 2020 at 08:24 PM

EE

“ I am so sorry to learn of BJ's passing. I enjoyed getting to know her through our Gamma Phi Beta sorority alumnae group. She was such a lovely lady!

Elizabeth Emmert - October 19, 2020 at 04:46 PM

BH

“ Sorry to hear of your mom's passing . Such a sweet and kind lady . It was nice to have lunch with her & Carlie
Blessings & Prayers for comfort during this hard time
Bonnie Hoffman & Nancy Nicholson

Bonnie Hoffman - October 19, 2020 at 09:21 AM

TB

“ *My Deepest Condolences to the Searles Family ❤️ May all your precious memories fill your hearts and warm your souls...Mrs. Searles will be forever missed*❤️



Tina Booher - October 19, 2020 at 08:31 AM

JO

“ *GODSPEED! MY CLIENT & FRIEND!
JORGE O'HENRY*

JORGE OHENRY - October 18, 2020 at 10:02 AM