



Elizabeth Jane Farmer

July 11, 1920 - January 20, 2016

Elizabeth Jane Farmer, Betty Jane to her friends, passed peacefully in her sleep on January 20, 2016. She was born Elizabeth Jane Bates on July 11, 1920 in Steubenville, Ohio as the only child of John Crew Bates and Ethel Cresswell.

She graduated from Ohio University in 1942 and met her future husband, Leonard H. Farmer Jr. while walking along a brick crosswalk on campus called the "kissing circle". She was going one way and he the other. Len was whistling, as he often did, and she remarked that "He seemed happy today!" He replied, "I'm happy because I love you!" They were married May 8, 1943. Betty Jane was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, a 50 year member of Inverness Club, where she was a trophy winning golfer, a member of the Toledo Club, the Toledo Bar Auxiliary, AAUW, and the Toledo Hospital Auxiliary. She loved birds, and spent hours watching them from her window. Betty Jane dearly loved flowers, being a member of several garden clubs for many years. She helped found Crosby Gardens, now the Toledo Botanical Gardens and helped establish International Park. Betty Jane was also an accomplished potter and oil painter.

She is survived by her daughters Lynda Lee Jones and Kimberly Crew (Larry E.) Parrish, her 4 grandchildren, 7 great and 5 great-great grandchildren. Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Saturday, January 23 from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral ceremony at 11 a.m. Burial will be at Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the Toledo Museum of Art or the Toledo Botanical Gardens. Please view Betty Jane's memorial video tribute and leave a condolence message for the family at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe St
Sylvania, OH 43560

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 23. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Service

JAN 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

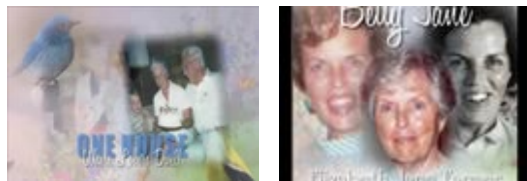
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“ *Sincere condolences to the family, from Alpha Gam sister, Patricia Rudes*

Patricia Boller Rudes - January 24, 2016 at 09:59 AM

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“ *2 files added to the album Tribute Video*



Coyle Funeral Home Video Tributes - January 22, 2016 at 06:12 PM

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“ *Lynda, I was so saddened to read of the passing of your mother, Betty. She was such a nice person and really dedicated to her avocations. I'm sure you will miss her as anyone who knew her. Loyally. Christine LaFrance Vischer*

christine vischer - January 22, 2016 at 02:57 PM