



Elizabeth Borden Griffiths

March 31, 1919 - June 16, 2010

Elizabeth Borden Griffiths, 91, of Little Silver died in her sleep on Wednesday June 16, 2010. Betty was fiercely independent and always looking to the future; she lived alone, cooked, worked, drove, and paid all her bills.

Betty had a remarkable life from the very start; she was 3 pounds at birth. Her parents Fannie Davison and Orville Carroll Borden married and lived on Monmouth Street in Red Bank. From her bedroom window, she watched the construction of the Count Basie (Carlton) Theater. As a child she and a cousin would camp in the theater to avail themselves of the air conditioning.

Betty attended the River Street School, graduated Red Bank High School in 1936; graduated Red Bank Business Institute in 1938, and worked for eight years as a legal secretary: first for Allaire (Shake) Cornwell, Esq. and then for Howard Higinson, Esq.

She was married on January 10, 1942, to Ernie Griffiths. After he returned from his service with the 69th Infantry Division, they moved to Little Silver in December of 1946. Ernie built the second pool ever constructed in Little Silver in 1955 adjacent to a natural spring; it was the site of numerous neighborhood gatherings.

The United Methodist Church (UMC) has been a significant part of her life and

especially Embury UMC. Betty took her daughter Carol to Sunday school at Red Bank UMC and taught a Sunday school class there. By 1950 they were attending Embury UMC in Little Silver. She became a member on Feb 26 of that year and asked what she could do – she taught the first grade class ever since. Betty was also the children's choir director and pianist for the Sunday school from 1982 until 1989. She has also been the Sunday School Superintendent since early in the 1990s.

Betty was further involved with the annual fall series of pie bakes at Embury UMC since its inception in 1964 as well as the Annual Rummage Sale since 1984; for many years, she planned and ran both events.

Betty also did regular presentations: on life as a child complete with her dolls and toys, Veterans Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day complete with her husbands' Army uniforms.

Little Silver Point Road School employed Betty as a lunchroom aid and playground supervisor since soon after her husband Alfred Ernest Died in January 1978. She introduced jump rope during lunch and ran a year-long competition complete with prizes for 32 years – in fact she returned to work the day before she passed for the awards ceremony to announce this year's winners.

Betty is survived by her two children, David Ernest Griffiths of Little Silver and Carol Jean Mawby of Aberdeen, 6 grandchildren, and 5 great-grand children.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

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JUN 18. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUN 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

Embury United Methodist Church
49 Church Street
Little Silver, NJ

Tribute Wall



“ Carol and Family,

*I know that you will miss your mom more than words can express.
You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

With deepest sympathy,

Karen##imported-begin##Karen Billings##imported-end##

June 19, 2010 at 12:33 AM



“ Betty will truly be missed, but never forgotten. I will always remember the stories that she shared with me about her family and her childhood. She had such a wonderful outlook on how to live life to the fullest. I will miss her very much at Point Road. My prayers are with you all. Cheryl Caruso & family##imported-begin##Cheryl Caruso##imported-end##

June 18, 2010 at 10:51 PM



“ You wrote quite a bit about your Mom she would be so proud of you both. She knew she was loved and cared for by both of you. Now she looking down from heaven with a smile on her face.##imported-begin##bill and cindy arose##imported-end##

June 18, 2010 at 09:17 PM



“ Dearest Dave and Griffiths Family,
Our deepest sympathies for the loss of a lovely, giving and unique lady. My boys were so fortunate to have spent time with Mrs. Griffiths at Point Road School. Curran was so proud of the birdhouse given to her upon her return to school. You are all in our prayers and thoughts.##imported-begin##The Lane Family##imported-end##

June 18, 2010 at 02:29 PM



“ AMEN and AMEN##imported-begin##RBM##imported-end##

June 18, 2010 at 06:51 AM



“ To the Griffiths Family,

You are in my thoughts...

Peace,

Joe Fili##imported-begin##Joe Fili##imported-end##

June 17, 2010 at 10:07 PM



“ I was so sorry to read about your mom. Good for her for living her life to the fullest until the end. My thoughts are with you and your family. Sue DeLisa##imported-begin##Sue Thomas DeLisa##imported-end##

June 17, 2010 at 03:50 PM