



Betty Rae Leister Laws

December 20, 1925 - April 20, 2019

SNOW HILL- Betty Rae Leister Laws, 93, died on April 20, 2019 at her home in Snow Hill, Maryland. Born in Greenbush, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Ruth Klein Leister and the Reverend Guy E. Leister. She was preceded in death by her husband, Billie R. Laws who died in 2013, her parents and her brother, Klein G. Leister. She is survived by her sister Carolyn Godfrey and her husband the Rev. George Godfrey, Seaford Delaware. Mrs. Laws is also survived by her son, Barry R. Laws of Snow Hill, daughter Rebecca A. (Becky) Laws and daughter Linda Laws Culp (Jim) of Chestertown, Maryland. Also surviving are four grandchildren Jason D. Kratzer of Snow Hill, Jessica Kratzer Phillips (Rick) of Lafayette, California, Melanie Culp Keller (John) of Chestertown and Major Stefanie M. Culp of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and three great grandchildren Samuel P. and Charles G. Phillips, Lafayette, California and Lillian Keller, Chestertown, Maryland; along with a number of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Laws attended Pocomoke City High School, while her father was a minister at Bethany United Methodist Church. She graduated from Western Maryland College in 1946. She later received a Master's Degree from Salisbury University. She taught English at Snow Hill High School for 28 years until her retirement in 1986. She was an active member of Bates Memorial United Methodist Church.

A memorial service will be held at Bates UMC in Snow Hill at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2019 with visitation one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be made to Bates Memorial United Methodist Church, 102 E Market Street, Snow Hill, Maryland, 21863 or to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home of Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com .

Events

MAY **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Bates Memorial United Methodist Church
116 N. Washington Street, Snow Hill, MD, US

MAY **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Dear Barry.....no doubt your Mother left you with beautiful memories and her love that guided you through life. She will always be at your side. We are thinking of you and wishing you moments of peace and comfort as you celebrate your Mom's remarkable life.

May be peace be with you.

With deepest sympathy.

Wayne & Norma Pryor

Wayne Pryor - April 30, 2019 at 08:25 AM



“ Aunt Betty was undoubtedly one of the nicest, kindest, most intelligent persons I've ever known. She always made you feel welcome and important. Kathi and I enjoyed very much visiting with her each year when we came to Ocean City to be with family. Although we are not able to attend the memorial service, we will be there in spirit and our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family.

Joe and Kathi White

Joe and Kathi White - April 29, 2019 at 09:56 PM



“ I was very sorry to read about the loss of Betty Laws a fellow Western Maryland College graduate. She lived a long life. I had the pleasure of knowing her husband who was very civic minded. In addition, I send my condolences to her family but in particular to her son Barry who I have known for many years and who is a true gentleman. I know the family will have many fond memories to cherish in the years ahead. With deepest sympathies, Tony Sarbanes.

Anthony Sarbanes - April 28, 2019 at 12:00 PM



“ Barry and family ,Sue and I wish to express our sincere condolences to you and your family. Mrs Betty was a kind and welcoming person to us ever since we arrived in Snow Hill fourteen years ago. She will be missed by many. Rob Tresselt.

Rob Tresselt - April 26, 2019 at 09:36 PM



“ MODEL

Walking as Jesus walked (I John 2:6)

MENTOR

“Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

MOLDER OF DREAMS

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." -Pericles

God gave Mrs. Laws to me and to so many, equipping us for service, preparing us for life. May our loving Heavenly Father, the God of all comfort, comfort you Barry, Becky and Linda and each of your family. Thank you for sharing your gifted and special mom!

Glenn Dryden

Glenn Dryden - April 25, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ Dear Barry, Becky, Linda, and family, Please accept my heart-felt condolences for the loss of your mother. I have known, loved, and deeply respected Mrs. Laws ever since I first met her, more than sixty years ago. I knew her first as a beloved Newark neighbor, then as my English teacher at Snow Hill High School, and finally as an inspiring mentor in the Lord at Bates Memorial United Methodist Church. Across all those decades she was unfailingly gracious to me. Her wisdom, good humor, and sincere faith enriched my life. I regret that an out-of-state trip prevents me from attending the funeral services, but I will be thinking of you and praying for you. While I pray that God will comfort you in your time of loss, I also rejoice in the fact that Mrs. Law's is now safe in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. We mourn her loss but not as those who have no future hope, for we know that we will see her in joyful reunion in the resurrection! Sincerely, Russ Mason

Russ Mason - April 24, 2019 at 03:02 PM



“ I would like to express my sincere condolences for the loss of your Mother and grandmother. She held a warm place in my heart and many others in Newark. She also prepared me to be successful in my college years. I know that she was respected and loved by so many. You will all be in my prayers during this difficult time.

Beverly J Scott - April 23, 2019 at 09:56 PM