



# *Betty Ann Harris*

Sunrise 11th March 1938 - Sunset 5th January 2023

With Love & Gratitude We Remember Her

Thursday 9th February 2023

12noon

Kingswood Chapel

Worthing Crematorium

## Order of Service

Entrance To The Chapel & Music  
Smile by Nat King Cole

Welcome & Opening Words

We Remember Betty

Betty was born in Kingston Hospital on the 11th March 1938 and lived with her parents Gertrude Alice and William Goodchild at 192 Canbury Park Road in Kingston-upon-Thames until she left home to move to Cyprus when she was 20 with her new husband Peter.

Betty met Peter at Thomas Cook in London where it apparently took my dad a lot of courage to ask her out and the rest is history. Peter joined the RAF as an engineer, although his dream was to become a pilot, and he was based in Nicosia in Cyprus. Mum didn't see my dad, she told me for about a year before they were married, so lots of time to change her mind before the big day! The odd thing about Peter was he was also born on the 11th March 1938! What's the probability of that.

Betty left home in Kingston and moved when they married to join Peter in Cyprus. She travelled there by boat, her first trip abroad. They really enjoyed their time there but when they wanted to start a family they came back to England and dad left the RAF and became an engineer. Betty and Peter had three children, Marc, Jacqui and then Stuart.

Betty worked around her children until Stuart started at Dorchester Primary school where she got a job as the school secretary there. Mum never looked back and loved the job and stayed there until she retired over 35 years later.

Betty had 5 Grand children and 3 great grandchildren, who she loved very much. When she was very ill in the last year of her life she loved looking at the photos and videos of baby Reya, they made her smile which was lovely to see.

When she stopped work at 67 she started volunteering as a helper transporting the elderly to and from a day care centre. She also volunteered once a month on a Saturday as a tea lady for a church in New Malden.

Betty was very sociable and was out all of the time in later life. She was a member of the Women's Institute, Towns Women's Guild, Scrabble club, card club (strictly no gambling unless it was nuts or sweets), bowls club plus many more.

Betty and Peter travelled a lot around Europe which they really enjoyed. It was a running joke that there was no where in Europe they hadn't been. They were also keen walkers and belonged to a walking club for many years. Even up until Covid Betty was walking up the Dorking hills to have Sunday lunch with Jacqui and Graham and who ever else might turn up on the day. I'm not sure she enjoyed the hill climbing but she did enjoy seeing all of the family.

Everyone that knew Betty will miss her, especially her very well-known and extremely un-subtle comments, which always made everyone laugh at the time and still now many years later.

At least now, although Betty's family and friends have lost her she can now re-join Peter wherever that may be.

A Time of Reflection  
Supermarket Flowers by Ed Sheeran

If Roses Grow in Heaven  
By Dolores M. Garcia

If roses grow in heaven,  
Lord please pick a bunch for me,  
Place them in my Mother's arms  
and tell her they're from me.

Tell her I love her and miss her,  
and when she turns to smile,  
place a kiss upon her cheek  
and hold her for awhile.

Because remembering her is easy,  
I do it every day,  
but there's an ache within my heart  
that will never go away.

Words of Farewell & Committal

Closing Words  
by Rev Melanie Sopp

Exit From The Chapel  
Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong



Those we love don't go away  
They walk beside us every day  
Unseen, unheard, but always near  
Still loved, still missed, and oh so dear

*APPRECIATION*

Refreshments will be served after the service at:

**Black Horse  
High Street  
Findon**

**BN14 0SX**

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