



"I'll Be Seeing You"

By Peggy Lee

Order Of Service

Conducted by Reverend Peter Organ

Words Of Welcome

Opening Prayer



Don't Cry For Me

Don't cry for me, I am not gone, I'm still here by your side;
My soul remains within your heart, to help the pain subside.

I am the snowflake that kisses your nose;
I am the frost that nips at your toes;
I am the sun that brings you light;
I am the star that shines so bright;
I am the rain - refreshing the earth;
I am the laughter, I am the mirth;
I am the bird up in the sky;
I am the cloud that's drifting by.

I am still here, I'm all around - in everyday I can be found;
I am the memories in your head forever - while I'm still there, we are together.

Memories Of Betty

Betty was born in Rotherhithe on the 26th April, 1927 - to parents Jessie and William. Along with her twin sister Olive, Betty became part of a trio of siblings - joining their older brother Bill. The love Betty had for her family was evident until the very end, with nothing being more important to her.

She was a very strong, intelligent and inspirational woman - known for her confidence and authenticity, her fiery personality, and her very loving and nurturing character.



Always a smart, classy and glamorous looking woman, Betty took pride in her appearance, leading her to even win a “Glamorous Granny” competition one year.

Betty loved to make the people around her laugh - telling stories from the past, anecdotes from her day, or jokes that could sometimes be considered a little naughty. She wanted others to feel good, laugh out loud and leave with a smile on their face.



Betty was also an incredibly energetic lady. In her younger years, she would always be out and about - often dancing with her sister Olive, or tinkling the ivories and having a sing-song in the local pub.

She would be travelling here or there - by foot or by bus, and worked a multitude of different jobs throughout her lifetime: from packing in factories, to working the tills, from insurance to accounts, from Peek Freans to Billingsgate, to M&S - there wasn't much that Betty did not do over the years.



And she didn't suffer fools gladly either. Her 'no-nonsense' attitude meant that if Betty didn't like what she was being asked to do, or the way that someone may have spoken to her, she was gone; and onto the next job. People quickly learned not to mess with Betty - including the bully at her son John's school; when he decided he would pick on John one day, Betty made sure he didn't do it again.



In 1948, Betty was working as a packer at a factory in Caledonian Wharf. She worked alongside the mother of a man named John Hussey, who had just left the Navy and was working as a docker. It was not long before John and Betty crossed-paths - and it was "love at first sight". John asked Betty out as soon as he set eyes on her - needless to say, she agreed and their love story began!





They married the following year, on the 4th June, 1949 - and just over 10 months later, gave birth to their son John (born on the 8th April, 1950).



Another addition to the family came in the form of their dog, Bonnie - who, once adopted by Betty, went everywhere with them all. As a family, they created so many special memories together. In fact, Betty's husband John recalls their life together as "One big, long, happy memory".

Together, they moved around London over the years - from Jamaica Road, to Russell Scott buildings - then onto Bevington Street, their home here being one of their favourites. From there, they moved to Pendennis House, then Hazelwood House - finally, with Betty and John settling together at Keendonwood Road and buying a caravan for their weekend home, in Yalding.



Always making the most of what they had - Betty and John worked incredibly hard, to ensure that annual holidays were never missed. They would save up to visit the Coronation Holiday Camp every year, in both June and September - with Mallorca also becoming their island of choice, for their family holidays throughout the 60s and beyond.



In 1976, Betty's son John, married Denise - and in 1982, Betty became a grandmother to Vicky. Three years later, Betty was a grandmother for the second time, when Kate was born. Her granddaughters were so important to Betty - her love for them was unquestionable. There was no doubt about it - her family meant the most to Betty, and she dedicated her life to them.



Until the very end, Betty could be described as being incredibly courageous and resilient. Despite ill-health and numerous set-backs, Betty was always upbeat and would never complain. Her positive attitude was infectious - and if you were ever feeling down, a visit or phone call to Betty would have you feeling good again.

As she would always say:
“You gotta laugh”.





In Our Hearts Forever

We remember you dancing and singing for us -
'On the Good Ship Lollipop' was always a must!
We remember your smile - so sweet and so bright,
You lit up the room with your positive light.



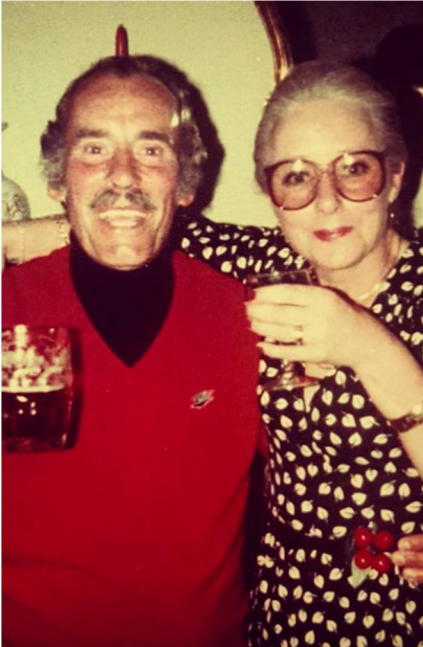
We remember your hair - and your shoes and your clothes,
And how you'd recount all the stories they told.
We remember the laughter from jokes you would tell,
Even though some were naughty - you told them so well!



We remember your caravan and our times there together,
The special memories we made - held so dearly, forever.
We remember your roasties - crushed up and covered in salt,
And your runner beans cooked to perfection, without fault.
We remember your thoughtfulness, it set you apart -
And how you knew everyone's birthday by heart.

We remember the love story - of you and our Roche,
And your stories of Olive - your twin sister, so close.

We remember how, when we were feeling down -
A phone call to you would soon turn that around.



We remember that no matter what life would throw -
You'd bounce back every time, such a strength you would show.

We remember your love for us - boundless and true,
And we hope you know that we felt the same for you.



Nan, we remember - and you will remain in our hearts forever.



"Smile"
by Nat King Cole

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done;
On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power and the glory,
For ever and ever.

Amen

Final Prayer & Blessing For Betty

Final Prayer & Blessing For All Present