



## Betty "Betsy" Williams

August 18, 1926 - October 5, 2011

Betty Jane "Betsy" Williams died late Wednesday, October 5, 2011 in the Phoenixville Hospital. Born in Phoenixville, she was the daughter of the late Herbert J. and Laura (Myers) Williams. A native daughter and champion of all that is Phoenixville, Betsy was known by many and was a friend to all. Passionate about Phoenixville, she forever promoted its rich history and lore. She was an avid conversationalist and vivid storyteller. Her daily walks through town brought smiles and good wishes to all she met; she always saw the best in others. Betsy's constant caring and concern were evident in many good works, broadly shared and gratefully felt. She was a longtime member and deacon at First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville. Her involvements extended to the Phoenixville Historical Society, Phoenixville Women's Club, Phoenixville Library board, Phoenixville Area Community Service (PACS) board, Forge Theater, Chester County School Authority, Phoenixville Hospital Thrift Shop, Meals on Wheels, Senior Center, and Senior Circle. Graduated from Phoenixville High School, she began employment at the Valley Forge Army Hospital. Subsequently, she worked for Doctors Ciacci, Solomon, and Sugiura, was office manager at Phoenixville Hospital, and served many years as benefits specialist for the Phoenixville Area School District. She was an enthusiastic lover of books, gardening, travel, exploring, hiking, and adventure, including rides on an ostrich and a camel! Her many friends and family will miss Betsy's twinkling eyes and teasing good humor, and will continue to celebrate her life and her bright light. The Memorial service will be

held on Tuesday morning, October 11, 2011 in the First Presbyterian Church, 145 Main Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460 at 10:30 AM. Officiating will be the Rev. David C. McCabe. Burial will be held privately in the Valley Forge Baptist Church Cemetery. Contributions in Betsy's memory may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville, designated for the Stained Glass Window Restoration Fund at the above address. Condolences may be made by visiting [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com). The Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Main Street at Fifth Avenue, Phoenixville, PA is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ I just read about Betsy's passing. How sad it will be not to run into her in town or at the Forge Theater. I was very fond of her.

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**Diana Roberts** - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

RK

“ It was a pleasure to see and speak with Betsy. whenever I saw her. She was an enthusiastic supporter of the library, helping out however she could; always interested in what was occurring. We will miss her.

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**Rebecca Krause** - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

CC

“ Betsy was a wonderful friend to the Phoenixville Public Library. I am grateful to have known her while working at the library. We will miss her cheerful presence!

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**catherine stout - cstout@ccls.org** - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

CK

“ I remember seeing Betsy every time I visited Phoenixville Hospital, as a worker in the hospital kitchen when I was young, then later as a new mother or as a patient visitor. I'm sure most of the people who live in Phoenixville, grew up there, met Betsy at some time and appreciated her kindness and her ready smile. My sympathy to her family and friends.

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**Charlotte (Shronk) Gentry - keithgentry@dejazzd.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

LB

“ *Betsy was a remarkable lady. She dependably expressed genuine interest and concern for all whom she knew, offering kindness and friendship with her winning smile. Her capable efficiency was evident while working in the PASD administrative office, and I greatly appreciated her assistance on numerous occasions. Betsy was very special. She will be missed.*

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**Lois Boyer** - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

DM

“ *We will miss you Betsy. You were a great neighbor when we lived at 1st and Main. Even though we moved from there over 25 years ago, seeing you often on your walks through town kept us in touch. Your enthusiasm for life was inspirational. God bless.*

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**Dave & Sue Meadows** - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

DM

“ *Betsy was so helpful to me as a teacher. No problem of mine was a problem for her. She will be sorely missed.*

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**Dick Morgan** - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

DD

“ *Betsy will be sadly missed by many organizations in Phoenixville, including Forge Theatre, where I first met her. She always had a kind word to say about our actors and productions. I consider myself lucky to have known Betsy and will miss her friendly smile and cheerful outlook on life. Denise Wisneski*

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**Denise Wisneski** - [dwdoremi@gmail.com](mailto:dwdoremi@gmail.com) - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

AH

“ You will be greatly missed Betsy by so many. You always had a smile and a cheerful greeting for everyone you came in contact with. I know that you will be talking many mile walks in Heaven now.

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**Anne Hoke** - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM