



## Elizabeth E. Bradburn-Assoian

March 25, 1955 - August 27, 2023

Elizabeth "Betsy" Bradburn-Assoian, age 68, of Wayne, Pennsylvania, beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, and friend, passed away peacefully on August 27, 2023, surrounded by devoted family. Born in Nashville, Tennessee, she was raised in Branford and New Haven, Connecticut, educated at The Foote School and Hopkins School (both of New Haven) and Yale (B.A.) and Brown (M.A.T.) Universities. She taught high school English in New York City public and private schools, but her acumen for the English language soon led to a distinguished career at Newsweek magazine where she rose to become Associate Editor, responsible for the business section, in the heyday of print journalism.

After more than 10 years, Elizabeth left Newsweek to concentrate on her family. Yet, she still managed to teach part-time in her local school district, free-lance edit, and start a small ESL tutoring business. She adored classical music and was an accomplished pianist and flutist. Elizabeth was also devoted to her faith. As a long-standing member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Wayne, Pennsylvania, she regularly played flute with the choir and taught in the church school for more than 15 years.

Elizabeth is survived by her loving husband of 30 years, Richard "Rick" Assoian, son, Jonathan Assoian, sister, Carol Ann Bradburn Celella (Scott), brother, H. Benjamin Bradburn (Lisa), two sisters from her father's second

marriage, Charlotte Bradburn and Sophie Bradburn (Angelo Ricarte), stepmother Ann Hofer, and many brothers- and sisters-in law, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Elizabeth is preceded in death by her parents Mary Virginia Meadows Bradburn and Hubert Benjamin Bradburn.

A memorial service and interment will be held at the Washington Memorial Chapel, Route 23 in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations in Elizabeth's memory would be welcome at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 104 Louella Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087 or the Washington Memorial Chapel, P.O. Box 98, Valley Forge, PA 19481. Condolences may be offered online by visiting [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com). Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA.

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Memorial Chapel Churchyard

2000 Valley Forge Park Road  
King Of Prussia, PA 19406

# Previous Events

## Interment

SEP 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

ML

“ *Betsy came into to our family when she decided to take a gap year during college and spend a year in Paris to learn French. She was our very appreciated au pair: so caring and responsible with our two year old (who turns 50 in March). She and I kept in touch through the years, in New York and in Paris. Since I hadn't heard from her since our last meeting in Paris before Covid, I went online and have had the shock to learn that Betsy died a few months ago. My children and I are so sorry to lose her and send our thoughts and condolences to Rick and Johnathan and the whole family. Rest in Peace, dear Betsy. Margaret Lebreton and family*

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**Margaret Lebreton** - January 01, 2024 at 09:13 AM

JT

“ *Elizabeth, Being your companion during your diagnosis was a privilege, and I will cherish it forever. Helping you once a week brought me so much joy and appreciation. I loved our long drives, walks, and ice cream stops at Freddy's. I viewed you like a grandmother and always will. I hope to make you proud as a future teacher and make as much impact as you did in the short time you were in my life.*

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**Julia Thompson** - September 07, 2023 at 08:46 PM

RA

“ *Elizabeth, For more than 30 years you believed that it was God who brought us together. Sadly, it took your diagnosis and passing for me to understand that you were right all along. Thank you for the happiest years of my life. I miss you and will always love you. Rick*

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**rassoian** - September 07, 2023 at 04:41 AM

JE

“ It is so painful to try to put together my thoughts and memories and to say goodbye to my dear friend Betsy, who I have known close to 60 years! How to describe her: faithful, calm, humble, loving, devoted, generous, and not a mean bone in her body. My memories as children include sledding with her in her backyard and at the Divinity School, playing capture the flag on long summer evenings, ice skating on Sunday afternoons at the Yale Whale, playing duets pretty much every summer day (she flute, me piano); then as teenagers, eating lots of pizza at the mall, sharing great books, letters and teenage secrets, playing in the New Haven Youth Symphony, going to the Branford shore or the Green Mountains. We were teenagers when Betsy witnessed the making of a legend in my family, the time when my classical music-loving father came home from work when we had the “Sergeant Pepper”(the Beatles) blaring, telling us it was bad music and asking how we could stand listening to it. [Later on that night, we caught dad secretly savoring a Beatles song.]

Fast forward through high school and college (where we went to the same schools), young adulthood and parenthood, having been fortunate that Betsy and Rick moved near us in the Philadelphia suburbs; seeing Betsy glow numerous times while telling me how special her husband is (and she was absolutely right, no surprise!), see her burst with pride updating me about Jonathan, sharing love and updates for Benjamin and Carol Ann and their families. It was super special to have her as a friend , to get to know her family, and to share so many life experiences. I send Rick and Jonathan and Carol Ann and Benjamin big hugs and everyone who was fortunate to cross paths with Betsy my sincere condolences. I will miss her.

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Jeannie - September 04, 2023 at 09:40 PM

NC

“ So sad to hear this, condolences to Betsy's family, friends and close colleagues. I had been looking forward to possibly seeing her at our 50th Hopkins School reunion, but I knew her from an early age as a fellow musician in the New Haven area learning the basics at the Neighborhood Music School. Quite sure she was on lead (and I on cello) when we first played the Mozart Flute quartet. When Mozart died, upon entering heaven, he was asked by God to conduct His orchestra, Mozart, flattered, humbly asks "But what about Bach?" God answers "I AM Bach!" Well, now she's in His orchestra. Requiescat in pace. -Nestor Cybriwsky

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**Nestor Cybriwsky** - September 04, 2023 at 01:39 PM

RA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**rassoian** - September 01, 2023 at 05:10 PM

CP

*Elizabeth was a gentle soul, a beautiful human being and it was my joyful pleasure to be part of her family for 12 years Requiem en pacet, my dear friend.*

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**Chomie Persson** - September 02, 2023 at 11:26 AM

RA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



rassoian - September 01, 2023 at 05:00 PM

AM

*I am so very sad to hear this. Elizabeth was a wonderful person and the best of colleagues.*

Annetta Miller - September 01, 2023 at 09:19 PM

GT

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Grier Torrence - August 31, 2023 at 11:38 AM

MB

“ *Maria Elena Bottazzi sent a virtual gift in memory of Elizabeth E. Bradburn-Assoian*



Maria Elena Bottazzi - August 30, 2023 at 10:59 PM

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“ *Maria Elena Bottazzi lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth E. Bradburn-Assoian*



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**Maria Elena Bottazzi** - August 30, 2023 at 10:58 PM