



Beatrice "Betty" Cox

February 2, 1931 - July 23, 2024

Beatrice "Betty" Cox (93)

Of Arlington, VA passed away Tuesday, July 23, 2024. Loving mother to Valerie Cox and Bettina Wesloh (John); beloved sister to Frank Botello and Irene Botello Reyes; cherished grandmother to Daniel, Matthew, Rachael, Rebecca, Joshua, and Grace. A true friend and wise adviser, she will be missed by many.

Bio

Beatrice Botello Cox always went by the name Betty. Born in San Antonio, Texas, to Frances Perez and Santiago Botello, she had one sister, Irene, and six brothers: Roy, Ray, Raymond, Rudy, Roger, and Frank. Betty lived in several states, including Oklahoma, Ohio, Illinois, and Virginia. She moved to Fairfax, VA in 1979 and resided in the same home for more than 30 years, before moving to Stafford and finally Arlington.

In high school, Betty completed a vocational training program to become a secretary, where she perfected skills in typing, stenography, and penmanship. She had exceptionally beautiful handwriting, and whenever friends or family needed something written to look impressive, they asked her. Her training led her to secure a job at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, where she worked with a team of psychologists and made many friends, including her

future husband, Jack Cox. Once the pair married, their Air-Force-based travels around the country began. They started a family. Betty became a homemaker, participated in volunteer activities and excelled at golf, even winning a 9-hole tournament.

In the early 1980s, Betty returned to work full-time, restarting her service to the US Government. She worked for the FAA and then moved on to the Defense Mapping Agency, which would eventually be renamed to the National Geospatial Agency. In her work roles, she coordinated a bewildering number of schedules, calendars, and details. She learned about the technology keeping our country safe. She wrote, edited and approved communications. She won many awards and became an essential trove of institutional knowledge. She eventually retired at the age of 80, with more than 30 years of government service.

Betty always loved children, and in addition to her two daughters, she was a beloved Aunt to her many nieces and nephews. She was also a favored host to the friends of her kids. She never knew a stranger and was quick to extend her warm hospitality to newcomers, easily adding new friends to her family. Betty's house was always a place people felt welcomed and encouraged to be themselves. Eventually, Betty had six grandchildren, who often gathered at her home to enjoy cookouts and family celebrations. Betty loved animals. She had several pets over the years, but her favorite was Geraldine, who was exceptionally smart and well-trained. This dog was able to retrieve slippers and newspapers and could ring a bell when she needed to go outside. In her later years, Betty lived in a home that backed up to a nature preserve, and she enjoyed seeing animals roam through her yard, including families of deer, the occasional horse, and an excellent community of birds that provided daily entertainment to her and her visitors at the well-stocked bird feeder.

Over the course of her life, Betty not only provided emotional support,

friendship and good counsel to many people in her life, she was an excellent role model. She showed her family and her friends what kindness and generosity looked like, how to overcome adversity, and how to keep moving forward, time after time. Betty will be truly missed by her family, friends, and her care team. She was one of a kind, and although there will never be another like her, we can all aspire to carry a small part of her forward in our hearts.

Visitation will take place Monday, July 29, 2024, 4:30pm - 5:30pm, at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22315. Graveside service will be held July 30, 2024, 11:30AM, at Resthaven Memorial Gardens, 9501 Catoclin Mountain Highway, Frederick, MD 2170. Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to GirlsWhoCode or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memorial Gardens

9501 Catoctin Mountain Highway
Frederick , MD 21701

Previous Events

Burial

JUL 30. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Beatrice "Betty" Cox



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - July 25, 2024 at 09:15 AM

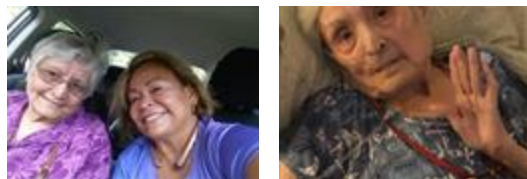
AB

Betty and I worked together for many years and became good friends. Betty mentored me on correspondence procedural protocols. Her knowledge was valued by many and was a wealth of information. She liked a good time but was serious about all her many responsibilities. Family talked often about her family and their accomplishments. Betty will be missed not only by her loving family but her many friends. Prayers and sympathy to the families.

Amber Beall - July 27, 2024 at 10:32 AM

JB

“ A couple of pictures from our visits. Whether I was coming from California, San Antonio, or Chicago; if I had extra hours, I'd stop by.



Jacqueline Vargas Botello - July 30, 2024 at 10:51 AM

JB

“ When I'd visit Aunt Betty, it's like taking a walk through history. So much knowledge, so much love, so much insight. I am truly blessed to have known such a beautiful soul. She nurtured those she surrounded, as I am certain she will continue from above. I love you Tia, and my sincerest condolences to the family.



Jacqueline Vargas Botello - July 30, 2024 at 06:20 AM

RB

“ Aunt Betty was One of my dad's favorites... she was a wonderful lady that got along with everyone... I have a special memory of coming home from school (2nd grade) with a busted lip (Schoolyard shenanigans).. aunt Betty started laughing when she saw me and asked did I try to kiss a girl and everybody started laughing...😄 it was pretty funny. Soon she would get married and move away, but I always had fond memories of her... RIP Aunt Betty and hi to my dad Roy.... 💕💕 Roy Alan

Roy Botello - July 29, 2024 at 08:35 PM



“ Betty was my kids' beloved Grammy - she thoroughly enjoyed every moment she spent with them, and they with her. She will be missed very much. This picture is from Easter, 21 years ago, at Betty's home in Fairfax.



Joe Walker - July 29, 2024 at 11:47 AM

LF

“ *Love your sister, Irene Reyes & Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Beatrice "Betty" Cox.*



Love your sister, Irene Reyes & Family - July 27, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Beatrice "Betty" Cox.*



July 26, 2024 at 11:08 PM

FB

“ *Frank Botello purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Beatrice "Betty" Cox.*



Frank Botello - July 26, 2024 at 02:17 PM

SS

“ *Bettina, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother led an extraordinary life. Wishing peace and comfort to you & your family.*

Suzanne Smith - July 25, 2024 at 05:08 PM



“ Valerie and Bettina,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Your mom was such a joyful person. I always remember her wonderful smile and that laugh of hers. It's been decades, but I can still remember that laugh of hers. She raised two wonderful daughters which I'm sure brought her great joy. I'm sure you have so many wonderful memories of her. Keep those close to your heart.

*Love,
Leigh Ann*

Leigh Ann Bishop - July 25, 2024 at 05:04 PM



“ *I have so many memories with Betty i don't know where to start i was actually the first person she met at the community i work for. When she came for a tour no one was there to help. They was on the way back out the door and once she seen it she ended up moving in . Ever since she came she was always so pleased to see me enter her room .. she told me she love my smile so Everytime i went to her room i had to smile lol .. but i can go on and on i love you Betty you'll be forever missed.. love your Amazon*

Takia Murphy - July 25, 2024 at 09:44 AM