



Elizabeth Ann (Marsteller) Lemmon

January 24, 1947 - May 12, 2020

Elizabeth (Betty) Ann Lemmon left us Tuesday morning, May 12, 2020 at Norton Hospital Downtown in Louisville KY. Although she had been sick many times in the recent years, she had always managed to pull through before. Unfortunately, this time she couldn't make it.

Betty was born in Louisville, KY on January 24, 1947. She was preceded in death by her parents, Gus and Ann Marsteller; her infant daughter, Karen Michelle Lemmon; her husband, Robert Dant; her sister-in-law, Diane Marsteller; and, nephews Kevin Marsteller and Ryan Hubbard.

Surviving Betty are her daughter, Debbie Lemmon (Jeff Grey), and her brothers Augie Marsteller SR. (Wanda), and Tom Marsteller (Ann). She is also survived by her grandchildren, Chelsea Grey (Dylan Sapp) of New Albany, Indiana, and Cody Lemmon-Grey, in Eugene, Oregon, and her newest favorite "little-man" and great-grandson, Barrett Jeffery Sapp. Other survivors include her step-son, Brian Dant; niece, Lisa Hardin(Tom); and nephews, J.R. Marsteller(Tina), John Marsteller(Johnna), Paul Marsteller; along with her first husband, Nelson Lemmon.

Betty grew up in Pleasure Ridge Park and loved Elvis as a teenager. She also loved anything that had to do with water – boating, fishing, picnicking, and lying on the beach. She loved rescue dogs. Her little dog, Maggie, loved her

too. But more than anything else, she loved being a parent and grandparent to Debbie and her children. When Debbie was just a child, her granddad would tease Betty that Debbie would never learn to walk – because Betty carried Debbie wherever she went – and she did this until Debbie’s feet would almost drag the ground! It wasn’t because Debbie needed to be carried; no, it was because Betty wanted to protect Debbie with every bit of her life. When Chelsea and Cody came along, Betty was again ecstatic. She loved her grandchildren as much as she did Debbie and looked forward to every moment she could spend with them for all of these years. And for the last two years, Barrett has been the joy in her life – she loved to FaceTime with him, blow him kisses through the screen, and when she could, tell him bed-time stories. Betty was born to be who she was – a great mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. All who have known her in this capacity are blessed.

Betty spent her work career as an inspector at Philip Morris. She retired from there and enjoyed keeping in touch with all of her friends with whom she worked for so many years. Earlier in her retirement she spent as many winter seasons as she could in Florida, playing in the sunshine and being with her friends there. She also loved her home here in Louisville. She especially loved her neighbors and friends. She’s had those friends for many, many years – Gerri Lee, Virginia, Mike, Mildred, Desiree and Brian have lost a good buddy. Everyone around there knew Betty, for she was the self-appointed welcoming committee, the social organizer, and the best friend one could be-all at the same time.

Betty loved everyone. She never met a stranger, and rarely forgot one either. She reminded us that every day is a day that we can do something good for someone else. She had the kindest heart in the world – she loved children and made sure everyone would have a present at every occasion. She enjoyed buying for adults as well, but she was not pretentious. She would gladly give anyone else anything she had. She regularly cooked meals for her

neighborhood friends to make sure they had something to eat that they liked. She enjoyed making cabbage rolls, baked beans, potato salad, and fried apple pies. She loved it when her daughter, Debbie, would ask her to cook these dishes for her church suppers. Surely everyone that knew her knows what an exceptional and giving person she was.

Due to the COVID pandemic no services will be held at this time. For all those that knew her, you also knew her love for rescue dogs. And for this reason, she would have wanted any donations to her memory to be given to Humane Society. But even more than that, Betty was a “pay-it-forward” kind of person before we had those words for it. If you really want to do something in her name, do something nice for someone and then thank Betty for showing you the way. For that, we thank you.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ So right she never met a stranger, she was such a sweet heart. I am so glad I had the opportunity to meet her many yrs ago and then come to find out her and my beautiful cousin Gerry Lee where best friends it's a small world we live in. Heaven have them another beautiful angel to watch over us, You will forever be in the hearts of so many especially mine. R.I.P.

Moe Bear - May 17, 2020 at 04:45 PM

BP

We enjoyed Betty (and earlier Bob) at Estero Cove in Florida. She was always so lively and generous. Barbara & Tom Puffer

Barbara & Tom Puffer - June 08, 2020 at 01:55 PM

KH

“ We have so many memories of Betty in Florida. Our apartment was next door but one to hers and life would continue well into the evening, even after a full day.

The time she and I went looking for a boat! We ended up in a field looking at all kinds of small boats. She said she would buy the one that looked as if it was stuck together with tape. "I'll take you to Sanibel in that," she said. "Not me" I told her. We finally ended up with a Codiac. But as she couldn't steer it, and I couldn't start it, we made a good team. The laughs we had with that boat. We crowned it with a tiny bottle of Champagne. The Queen Elizabeth 111. Whether on the beach, shopping for some crazy item it all made sense that we were enjoying life. Betty was an amazing person, kind, thoughtful, and a huge heart to go with everything she did for other people . I will never forget the endless stories that will keep me going. RIP Betty, you will be missed by so many of us. Condolences to her family, sending lots of love from Kerry and Frank. (London England)

Kerry Holmes - May 17, 2020 at 06:35 AM

PW

“ My condolences to Debbie and Bettys famiyy. I was her Florida friend and had been for 20 years. We bought our winter homes in Florida at the same time and was one of the first people I met. We had such a good time when she was here at the same time as me. Have missed seeing her here and always will miss her. May God bless you all in this difficult time. Peggi Wilson Building 3

Peggi Wilson - May 15, 2020 at 11:30 AM

JM

“ Betty was a special lady. When I lived in River Point she helped me with both my dogs and would bring me food. She was such a kind hearted soul. She will be missed by all her knew her. R.I.P. Betty



Juanita Matillar - May 14, 2020 at 09:41 AM

LJ

“ This dear sweet lady, who was my friend for 61 good years was so precious to me! We may not have talked all the time, but when we did it was like we'd never been apart and we just would continue the conversation where we left off. So thankful I got to spend some time with her last July while I was visiting in Louisville. Love and miss you girl!

Linda Johnson - May 13, 2020 at 07:22 PM

TK

“ Betty was the nicest woman we have known. She has always put other people first she never complained about anything. She will leave a hole in our family we loved her so much. Our deepest sympathy for your loss she will be truly missed. Loyce, Teri and Sherry Katchur

Teri Katchur - May 13, 2020 at 07:18 PM

DL

“ Betty was such a good person. She was a wonderful friend to my mother-in-law Mary Jane Peters. The Florida crew will miss her.

dori loomer - May 13, 2020 at 06:46 PM

SD

“ Debbie, Keith and I are so sorry for your loss. Losing your mom is one of the hardest things we will ever do. Betty was always kind and loving towards us. We will never forget her. May God bless you and grant you His peace and comfort.

Shirley and Keith Dant

Shirley Dant - May 13, 2020 at 05:16 PM