



## Betty L. (VanDeusen) Stephenson

December 20, 2009

Mrs. Betty L. (VanDeusen) Stephenson, age 74, of Deansboro, passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with heart disease, on Sunday, December 20, 2009 at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady. At the time of her passing her loving family was by her side. Born in Canajoharie, NY on April 27, 1935, Betty was the daughter of the late Dorothy M. Van Deusen. She was raised and educated in Canajoharie, where she attended grammar school and high school. In 1955 she married John W. Stephenson in St. Johnsville and throughout their 54 year union they shared great happiness and mutual devotion.

As matriarch and housewife, Betty was a selfless woman whose first concern was the well-being of her family. With her strong will and nurturing nature, she dedicated her life to providing the best for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. As a good listener and friend, she enjoyed her lengthy conversations with her friends. She also loved the serenity of the country, sitting on her porch swing, and watching the animals in their natural setting. She found joy in cooking and also dining out, shopping, and traveling with her daughters. She also had an abiding love for her animal companions.

Betty is survived by her husband John; her daughters and sons-in-law, Jacqueline "Jackie" and David Zangrilli of Whitesboro, Deborah and Robert Prody of Clinton, and Mary and John Fallon, Jr., of Waterville; her sons and daughter-in-law, John W. Stephenson, Jr. of Deansboro, and Walter R. and Jane Stephenson of Waterville; her grandchildren, David, Jr. and Diana Zangrilli of VA, Kelly and Anthony Vitullo of New Hartford, Kayla Prody, and Robert Prody, Jr., both of Clinton, Jenna Fallon, Rylee Fallon, Alec Savage, and Liska Savage, all of Waterville, and Lucinda Savage of CA; and her great-grandchildren, Talia and Olivia Vitullo. Survivors also include many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Mary Powers, Edna Hopkins, Walter Hughes, and Nopel Stephenson; and her friends, Frances Grassi, and Betty Nicotera. She was predeceased by her granddaughter, Jamie Prody; her niece, Linda English; her nephew, Douglas Hughes; her in-laws, Walter and Dorothy Stephenson, Thomas Stephenson, Ann Stephenson, Minnie and Charles Inman, Eldon Hopkins, Barbara Hughes, and Paul Powers; her friend of 70 years, Delores Schumacher; and her friends, Rose Rizzo, Jean Grieco, Mary Pezzolanella, and Polly Zangrilli.

The family wishes to thank all the caregivers who faithfully attended to Betty throughout

her illness.

Visitation will be held Tuesday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial contributions in Betty's honor to the American Heart Association or the Utica Rescue Mission; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. A final blessing will be offered by Sister Elizabeth Giarrusso, CSJ on Tuesday evening at 7:00 at the funeral home immediately upon the conclusion of visitation. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty L. (VanDeusen) Stephenson



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - December 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jackie, Debbie, Mary and families ~ I was so sorry to hear about your moms passing. May you all hold your memories of her close to your heart. She was truly blessed with such wonderful children, and you were blessed with a wonderful mom.

Keeping you all in my prayers

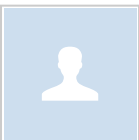
Lisa Gallimo##imported-begin##Lisa Gallimo##imported-end##

December 22, 2009 at 11:56 PM



“ My fondest memories of Betty were at their home on Bleecker Street, she always made me feel like one of the family. We had a lot of fun when we were kids. I was so happy to be able to spend one on one time with her when she was at the Sitrin Rehab. She loved her family so much and was so proud of each of them. She loved to visit and reminisce .. We will all miss her.##imported-begin##Janet (Bolos) Grizzuto##imported-end##

December 22, 2009 at 03:12 PM



“ Jackie & Family,  
I was saddened to hear of the loss of your Mom  
Words can not express the hurt the heart feels when loosing someone you loved.  
She was a wonderful mother and always made me feel welcome when we were kids.

You are in my thoughts and prayers and  
my condolences go out to you and your family.

Love & Blessings,

Sandra##imported-begin##Sandra (Sardina) Macri##imported-end##

December 22, 2009 at 12:09 AM



“ To the Stephenson Family,

*We have known each other from elementary school and your mom was a wonderful lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you as this time. May she rest in peace.##imported-begin##Michael Wicks. John and Mary (Wicks) Russo##imported-end##*

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December 21, 2009 at 07:52 PM



“ *It is my families gave his condolences on the passing of your mother. I remember growing up hanging out with Walt. My sister would be with his sister Jackie and her sisters. It was a pleasure to grow up at your house with a good father and mother. Celebrate her life as she is in a much better place than we are in heaven.*

*On behalf of my whole family, especially my mother whom your mother before we were even thought of being put on this earth. Our parents went way back to a better and simpler way of life.*

*Again, our prayers will go out to your mother. Also, to all of your family.. We all sent their regrets that we cannot attend the services especially myself. Our prayers will be with her mother.*

*Respectfully and sincerely, the sardina family.##imported-begin##Joseph Sardina##imported-end##*

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December 21, 2009 at 03:01 PM



“ *i'm so sorry to hear of grandma betty's passing. i'm sure she is up there having fun with grandma (delores schumacher) now. i have alot of fond memories of betty and she will be sadly missed she was a wonderful lady. my thoughts and prayers are with you*

*love, melissa##imported-begin##melissa moak##imported-end##*

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December 21, 2009 at 02:55 PM



“ Dear Aunt Jackie, Uncle Dave, David & Kelly - My deepest sympathy to all of you during this difficult time. Betty was such a very special person to me. I have many, many fond memories of her from growing up and into my adulthood and I will cherish every one of them. I'll never forget the special times that us grandchildren spent with her & Grandma Polly on Bennett St. Our Grandmothers are now together again watching over us. Rest in peace Betty, I Love you.##imported-begin##Rhonda Zangrilli-Russell & family##imported-end##

December 21, 2009 at 01:15 PM



“ Dear Jack and Family

So sorry about Betty, she was truly a lovely lady. I remember going to see her when I was little and her always giving us a treat of some sort.. Your all in our hearts and prayers. God Bless Love Cindy , John , Sons##imported-begin##Cindy Nicotera Leone##imported-end##

December 21, 2009 at 09:43 AM



“ Im so sorry for the loss of your mom, she was a great person. Now she is up there with my mom Delores and harold . Im here for you if you need anything. God bless you love the williams family##imported-begin##Dawn and Fred Williams##imported-end##

December 21, 2009 at 06:50 AM



“ Dear Jackie, and Dave,  
Words cannot express how heavy our hearts are at this time . Betty meant so very much to all of us and she will be missed very much. It is extremely difficult to lose anyone in your life but when you lose your Mother your life is never the same. Rest assured she is at peace now with no more suffering and she will be spending Christmas with her dear friend and our Mother Polly. Our prayers are with all of you to give you strength thru this difficulty time. Rest in Peace Betty, We Love You.  
All Our Love and Prayers,  
Ray, Terry & Raymond##imported-begin##Terry Zangrilli##imported-end##

December 21, 2009 at 05:25 AM



“ To the Stephenson Family

*It was very hard to hear the news today that you all lost a very important person in your lives. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Betty was the matriarch of your family and watched over every one. She was a very important part of your lives as she was mine for many years and was always a mother to me. At times like this there is a void in our lives, but the memories of a special person like her will keep up going and smiling. The suffering is over for her and she will be looking down on everyone and waiting to greet her loved ones in another life. Let's remember the good times and the smile Betty always had.##imported-begin##Bobby Ollerenshaw##imported-end##*

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December 20, 2009 at 07:08 PM



“ To Betty's family, Betty was a very loving and devoted person she will be severally missed. If you need anything please let us know we love you all.

*Love you Betty (you are with your dear friend Delores again)##imported-begin##Melanie VanSteenburgh##imported-end##*

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December 20, 2009 at 04:49 PM