



Elizabeth Margaret Houchen

May 15, 1942 - March 6, 2022

Elizabeth "Betty" Houchen died peacefully on March 6, 2022 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, May 15, 1942, Betty was the daughter of the late Anna Wise. In addition to her mother, Betty was predeceased by her husband of 37 years, Karl Houchen, her beloved daughter, Karen Houchen and many other family members.

Betty is survived by daughters Kimberly (David) Bennett and Karlene (Christopher) Jennings and son Kip (Shannon) Houchen; her cherished grandchildren David (Tina) Bennett, Michael (Katie) Shearer, Lauren (Brian) McDaniel, Kalena (Joseph) Becker, Cal Houchen, Kaylyn Jennings, Kelsey Jennings, Jake Houchen and Dylan Houchen and her treasured great-grandchildren, Chase Bennett, Madelyn Bennett, Grayson Becker and Maddox Becker. In addition, she is survived by her sisters, Anna Liedy, Colleen Shojamanesh and Lillian Steinacker.

Betty grew up in Baltimore alongside her life-long best friend Carolyn "Suey" Kopec. After she and Karl married, they started a family and moved to Delaware in 1967. Family always came first for Betty, whether it be sewing matching clothing for her four children, planning elaborate Halloween haunted house birthday parties, baking the most delicious desserts for everyone or attending her grandchildren's sporting events. She once said she was a

caregiver- that was her role. She cared for everyone and helped anyone who asked or needed help. She was also the ultimate home decorator and organizer- whether it be painting, stenciling, wallpapering or knocking down a wall when Karl went backpacking- nothing held her back. She loved holidays especially Christmas and her decorating and baking skills in that regard were unparalleled. We were all spoiled by her in more ways than can be counted, especially Karlene and her family with whom she lived with for the last 20 plus years after Karl passed.

A special thank you from our family to Amedisys Hospice Care especially Beth and Tammy for the excellent and loving care they provided Betty in her final days.

"All that I am, or ever hope to be I owe to my mother" Abraham Lincoln

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made In Memory of Elizabeth Houchen to the American Cancer Society at donate.cancer.org or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl, Memphis, TN 38105.

Celebration of Life arrangements will be provided at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ God bless the amazing Mother's and women in this world. God speed to your heavenly home Ms. BETTY.

Guy and Christine Hodges - March 11, 2022 at 02:51 PM

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“ I know I didn't tell her or Karl enough times how grateful I was for taking me in when I was 14 years old. Even though she was married with two young daughters she was there for me when I needed it. I know it wasn't easy at times but I don't know what my life would have been like if it wasn't for her and her family. love and miss you so much. As Karlene said she was a caregiver.

Anna Liedy - March 09, 2022 at 11:52 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services

A Memorial Tree was planted for Elizabeth Margaret Houchen - March 09, 2022 at 09:37 AM