

Betty L. Rosenthal

December 17, 1932 - December 16, 2021

Betty L Rosenthal, 88 of Hillsborough, New Jersey, formerly of Freehold, NJ passed away on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at Bridgeway Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Born December 17, 1932 in Newark, NJ to the late Anna Goldberg and Jacob Taylor. Betty was raised in Newark with her two sisters Sybil and Florence before graduating from West Side High School. She married Jerome Rosen in 1953 in a military wedding on the army base in Savannah, Georgia and divorced in 1974 after having 4 children together. She raised her family in Fair Lawn, NJ and enjoyed being actively involved in a number of leadership roles with the Women's American ORT, as well as being a den mother and a girl scout leader, and an active member of the PTA. She enjoyed taking her children to their ball games, scouting events, dance lessons, baton twirling, Crimson Corps, birthday parties, and a variety of other activities. She was proud to have two sons who earned their Eagle Scout rank.

After re-marrying to Jules Rosenthal in 1974, she added two stepsons, Mark and Scott Rosenthal to her family and moved to Old Bridge, NJ. There she lived very close to her childhood best friend Rita Schror.

She moved to Surrey Downs in Freehold where she lived for many years and was active in countless clubs and activities before moving to All American

Assisted Living in Hillsborough for several years. Throughout her life she was predominantly a wife and mother and held some part-time jobs. She was in the rehab area of Bridgeway before being moved to the skilled nursing unit to receive treatment for her ailing health and Alzheimer's disease.

Those who knew her saw her as an effervescent social butterfly with a big smile, gregarious giggle, soft-spoken voice and love of parties, singing and dancing. She loved being around people, reading, word puzzles, and listening to Vic Damone (who she got to see in concert as a graduation present) . She was known to be flirty, funny, sensitive and kind. Her motto "Be honest, and be nice to everyone!" Although she was reluctant to try new things, family managed to coax her to ride a bicycle built for two, go in the ocean and pool, ride a horse, roller skate, and ice skate.

Betty is predeceased by her loving parents, Anna Goldberg and Jacob Taylor and by her beloved husband Jules Rosenthal and former husband Jerome Rosen. She is survived by her older sisters Sybil (Carmen Cerligione) and Florence (Ernie Caruso)

Betty is survived by her sons Robert and wife Carol, Marvin and wife Anita, Leonard and wife Judith and by her caring daughter Natalie Gahrman and husband Richard. Also by her 8 cherished grandchildren Jennifer (and husband James White), Valerie (and husband Brian Williams), Daniel Rosen, Kaitlyn and Matthew Gahrman, Marisa Rosen, Alexander and Victoria Rosen, and stepsons Mark (husband Wayne and children Jasmine and Lily) and Scott Rosenthal. She was also adored by her 4 great grandchildren, Ryan, Ashley, and Erin White and Liam Williams.

A graveside service is planned for 12:00 noon on Thursday December 23 at the Forest Green Park Cemetery in Morganville.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.
<https://act.alz.org/site/Donation>

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Interment

DEC **23**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Forest Green Memorial Park Cemetery
535 Texas Road
Morganville, NJ 07751

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Betty L. Rosenthal*



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - December 20, 2021 at 08:41 PM



“ *Betty L. Rosenthal*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Natalie Gahrman - January 22, 2022 at 02:04 PM

BS

“ *Spending the Holidays with you and your family is one of the best childhood memories I ever had. I love you!* ”



Brenda J. Schror - December 26, 2021 at 12:08 PM

NG

Thank you Brenda! I still remember playing hide and go seek. Your mom and family was always so special to my mom. Sending the best to Rita and family!

Natalie Gahrmann - December 30, 2021 at 09:21 PM



“ *Thank you to everyone who shared in her life and in our final farewell to her on earth. Rabbi Susman performed a beautiful service. My mom will live on forever in our memories. Her voice, her laughter, her smile, that twinkle in her eye....* ”

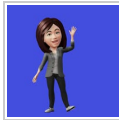


Natalie Gahrmann - December 24, 2021 at 09:30 AM

DR

“ *Grandma Betty was very sweet and kind. All she ever wanted was human connection. She would love to hear about your day and tell you ALL about her day. She will be remembered for the relationships she built through stories about everyday life, which she viewed as a grand adventure.*

Daniel Rosen - December 23, 2021 at 12:27 PM



She loved you Dan!!

Natalie Gahrmann - December 24, 2021 at 09:16 AM

VW

“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*

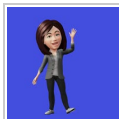


Valerie Williams - December 23, 2021 at 12:00 PM

VW

Grandma Betty always loved a party. She was a social butterfly that loved to have fun. I remember her dancing the night away at my wedding

Valerie Williams - December 23, 2021 at 12:34 PM



Great pictures Val! And, yes, she loved a party, dancing, singing and being around others. Keep those good memories in your heart.

Natalie Gahrmann - December 24, 2021 at 09:18 AM

MR

“ As a teenager, very set in his ways, I did not appreciate what Betty meant to my father, Bob (Jules) and what he meant to her. It took me many years to understand the love they had for each other and the greatest gift, finding that love.

Later in life, Betty and I started to understand each other more and she always had kind things to say whenever we saw each other. She spoke of her love of my dad. She never failed to ask how I was, how my brother was and yes, she asked how my mother was. I came to understand the kindness and wisdom age my bring. Very classy.

We did have some doozy fights on Lamring Drive and then on Juniper court, but in between those "difference of opinions" our interactions could be very pleasant. I think on some level, Betty knew back the why I was so angry all the time as the passing years brought about more kinds.

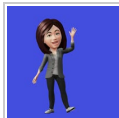
Rest in Peace and say hi to my dad!

Mark Rosenthal - December 22, 2021 at 01:55 PM

MR

Kindness not kinds

Mark Rosenthal - December 22, 2021 at 01:56 PM



Thank you for sharing. I do recall those ups and downs and the love she had for your dad. We were a good family together! May your memories of my mom be pleasant and the rough times be mere learning opportunities to get to know and appreciate each other.

Natalie Gahrman - December 24, 2021 at 09:21 AM

“Have so many great memories with my mom. When I was a little girl we’d bake together and she let me lick the bowl. She didn’t like driving but would drive me to dancing school several times a week. She went to dancing school as a young girl, too. My cousin sent me a picture and my mom lit up when she saw it.

Scouting was important to her and all her kids were scouts, she was a den mother, and Bobby and Marvin earned Eagle Scout rank.

She encouraged me to be involved, to do my best and to try new things. She was afraid of trying new things though—from eating different foods, to swimming, traveling, and other activities. However, we managed to get her on the back of the bicycle built for two, horseback riding, in the pool (even got a built-in in our backyard in Old Bridge!) and skating. As far as foods, she was very limited on what she’d cook or eat throughout her life, but, because my step-father lived Chinese food, she’d order pepper steak every time. She recently confessed to My brother Bobby, she never liked pepper steak. Lasagna, potato pancakes, matzo ball soup, chocolate and ice cream were her favorites. Her son Marvin loves ice cream too!

While my dad worked hard she took care of the family and helped with his bookkeeping for A-Electric Service, the business he and my Uncle Lou ran. We’d drive to Florida to vacation, visit the Jersey shore, go to the Catskills, and even got to CA once and met some of her relatives and went sightseeing. She vacationed in Hawaii and Alaska with my step-father, Jules (“Bob”). She adored him but wasn’t always so nice to his kids, Scott and Mark. She loved them though.

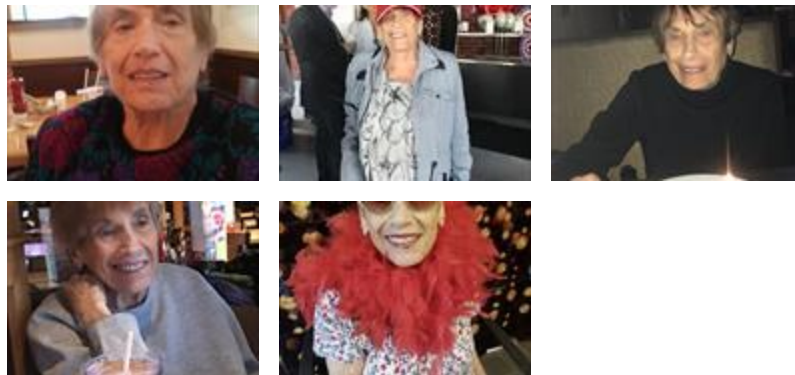
She was very involved with Women’s American ORT. There she shined as a leader and was highly regarded. She had a job working for the phone company in her twenties. Besides that, later on, she did surveys on the phone, product testing and samples in the stores. My favorite was the liquid brown sugar because we made

chocolate chip cookies with it.

The last several years following her fall in her Freehold hold were tough. I was devastated when I found her lying on the floor semi-conscious in her bedroom. She wasn't able to live alone after that so she moved to the assisted living. She made many friends and boyfriends there and was quite the social butterfly until COVID hit and they were all quarantined in their rooms. The isolation was tough and she declined rapidly. She fell there and broke her hip and wrist. She had several other falls, too. Her Alzheimer's seemed aggressive but she always lit up when I came to visit and was very excited to see me. She loved visitors and yearned for more.

Her last days were very tough. However, during her last weeks she was visited by each of her children and a couple of her grandchildren. That made her happy!

I will miss her high pitched crackly soft-spoken voice. Her big smile. Her laughter. And, how she loved dancing, singing and being the life of the party. She will always be with me 💔.



Natalie Gahrman - December 21, 2021 at 09:22 AM

RO

“ *A cherished aunt and almost a second mother to me, she will be greatly missed my by sister. Rochelle & Rosalie*

Rochelle - December 20, 2021 at 06:09 PM

NG

Thank you Rochelle and Rosalie. You were always so kind to my mother and she adored both of you.

Natalie Gahrmann - December 22, 2021 at 11:04 AM

DM

The one thing I've always said is, " You divorce the spouse, not the family." This belief came to me because of Betty. Betty was and always will be a special person. As the X Daughter-inLaw, she never treated me that way. The first time I had to be with the ROSEN family (after the divorce), she grabbed me and said, "COME SIT BY ME, YOU ARE FAMILY."Almost every time I saw her; she would say to me, "You'll always be my Daughter-in-Law". I am so grateful my grandchildren were able to know their Great-Grandma and had a chance to have spent some time with her making memories. My deepest sympathy to the family. May your loving memories stay close to your heart. I know I will always remember her with love.

Doreen menary - December 23, 2021 at 05:41 AM