



Betty May (Thomas) Reese

May 12, 1931 - October 30, 2021

Betty May (Thomas) Reese, age 90, of Irwin, passed away Saturday October 30, 2021. She was born May 12, 1931 in Tyrone, a daughter of the late Howell and Ethel Thomas. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and was an accomplished artist. Betty went onto be an art teacher for schools in Pittsburgh and Hempfield for over 20 years. She was an avid backpacker, gardener and long distance swimmer that served as a swim coach to others. Betty was a member of the West Hempfield Presbyterian Church. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband of over 66 years Alan G Reese; her brother Lawrence Thomas; her sisters Sara Jane Tomlinson and Mary Jagielo; and daughter-in-law Sara Reese. She is survived by her children Nancy (Jan Wein) Reese of Pittsburgh, Thomas Reese of Cortez, CO, and Steven (Louise) Reese of Bethel Park; her grandchildren, Reese McArdle, Tessa McArdle, Caitlyn (Moses) Duran, Dylan (Jamie) Reese, and Maxwell Reese; and her great grandchildren Ellie and Dorian Duran. Friends and family will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main Street, Irwin, 724-863-1200, where a funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Interment will follow in Brush Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers a contribution can be made in Betty's name to the Greensburg Art Center, 230 Todd School Rd., Greensburg, PA 15601. For online condolences please visit snyderfuneralservices.com.

Cemetery

Brush Creek Cemetery

Irwin, PA, 15642

Events

NOV **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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NOV **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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NOV **Service** 01:00PM - 01:30PM

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Comments



“ Betty was the last surviving member of the Thomas family that included my dear mom, Sarah Jane. Since we live in Toronto, we or the Reese family had to drive 7 hours to see each other. We always looked forward to our get-togethers. So much laughter and love. That joy shows in the Alan and Betty's amazing art that graces our walls. We will cherish the memories forever.

Tim Tomlinson - November 03, 2021 at 08:31 AM



“ Betty,
It was an HONOR meeting and caring for you, with beauty and integrity, your gentle voice and infectious smiles, warmed my heart and filled the room each and every day.

Your encouraging words, wisdom, and counsel to me about life and relationships, I will surely embodied in life and future relationships.

Caring for you was short, but seems like years, you were always full of life, your Artistry are precise, you had great teaching skills and love for everyone that was graced in your presence.

Betty you were a MASTER PIECE.

As I always called you " Mrs. Classy and my MAMACITA " sleep in HEAVENLY PEACE.

Naomi Elliott - November 02, 2021 at 09:33 AM



“ Genna and the Akoya Team purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Betty May (Thomas) Reese.



Sue Klima - November 01, 2021 at 05:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty May (Thomas) Reese.



November 01, 2021 at 01:25 PM



“ Our Aging Life Care Management practice, Holistic Aging, has been so fortunate to have been a part of Betty's family of caregiving since 2017. Betty and Al had a love of life and each other that was contagious; everyone that came in contact with them came away feeling better about life! Betty faced aging well with dignity and strength. The world has lost an amazing woman, teacher, artist, mom, grandma, great grandma, and client to us. RIP Betty.

Bobbi Kolonay - November 01, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ I entered Betty's life as a nurse helping her remain independent and to assist her in managing some health issues. Betty worked harder to keep herself physically strong than anyone I have ever known-she never needed reminded to do her home exercise routine. It was a highlight of my week when I got to visit her! She'll always have a special place in my heart

Kristi Pickens RN - October 31, 2021 at 07:51 PM