



Betty L. DeLeonardo

November 6, 1932 - April 3, 2016

Betty DeLeonardo, age 83, of Vienna, Illinois died peacefully at her home Sunday April 3, 2016. Her daughter Diane was with her. She was born November 6, 1932, in Goreville, Illinois to Virgil and Mary (Anderson) Hurley. Betty graduated from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale in 1980 with honors. She received her degree in English literature and taught at the Vienna Township High School and Shawnee Community College. Betty volunteered at the Anna Bixby Women's Center in Harrisburg and served on the boards of the Vienna Public Library and the local Area Agency on Aging. She was a staunch believer in civil rights and a longtime supporter of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Betty is preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, John DeLeonardo, who had owned John De Chevy-Olds in Vienna; also, her brothers Don and Virgil Hurley, her sisters Deloris Hurley and Ann Evetts and her son-in-law Don Bilyeu. She is survived by her four children: Paula Bilyeu of Hagerstown, Maryland, Leigh DeLeonardo of Woodstock, Diane DeLeonardo of Springfield, and David DeLeonardo of Hayward, California. Also, son-in-law, Greg Walker, daughter-in-law, Vicki DeLeonardo and sister-in-law Maxine Hurley. She was very proud of her 6 grandchildren: Brianne Bilyeu, Erin Bilyeu, Sidney Muncy DeLeonardo, Casey Muncy-DeLeonardo, Haley DeLeonardo-Walker and Peter DeLeonardo.

A service celebrating the life of Betty DeLeonardo will be held Thursday, April

7, 2016, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Betty's granddaughter, Brianne Bilyeu, will serve as the celebrant of the service. A eulogy will be delivered by Betty's dear friend, Rosemary O'Keefe.

A private committal service will be conducted at the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 9 AM – 11 AM Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Betty's name to The Southern Poverty Law Center, 400 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Betty L. DeLeonardo*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Valerie Lynne lit a candle in memory of Betty L. DeLeonardo*



Valerie Lynne - April 16, 2016 at 04:27 PM



“ *Jill lit a candle in memory of Betty L. DeLeonardo*



Jill - April 12, 2016 at 12:49 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Betty's death. She was such a dear, sweet lady. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Doug Mathis - April 09, 2016 at 06:15 PM

JH

“ *Jerry Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Betty L. DeLeonardo*



Jerry Hawkins - April 09, 2016 at 12:18 PM

WD

“ *Always enjoyed meeting Betty and visiting with her. She always had a ready smile, and always such a great sense of humor.*

Wayne Dunn - April 09, 2016 at 11:41 AM

TM

“ *Betty was always one of my favorite people. I will miss her open arms and her wonderfully wacky sense of humor. My thoughts are with you all*

Terrie Mathis - April 07, 2016 at 01:51 PM

KH

“ *I am so sorry for your tremendous loss. You all are in my thoughts & prayers.*



KathyBlack Holt - April 07, 2016 at 09:54 AM

PM

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Betty. I always had the perception of being in the presence of a strong and fascinating person when around her. I'm thankful also to know some of her strong and fascinating children! Sincere best wishes and heartfelt condolences, Pam Enoch Morris

Pam Enoch Morris - April 07, 2016 at 08:04 AM

RS

“ Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in memory of Betty L. DeLeonardo



Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney - April 06, 2016 at 09:49 PM

SL

“ To Betty's family-- My fondest memory of Betty is when she was leading our book club. When Betty asked questions and encouraged discussion, I felt like I was sitting in a really good college literature class! The book club wouldn't have been the same without Betty. She was smart, insightful, humorous, and determined.

Susan Lamb - April 06, 2016 at 03:09 PM

BC

“ Barbara Travelstead Clymore lit a candle in memory of Betty L. DeLeonardo



Barbara Travelstead Clymore - April 06, 2016 at 12:14 PM

HD

“ We are always sorry to see our friends leave. May Peace be with Betty and your family.

Heather Treat Memorial Directors - April 06, 2016 at 08:33 AM

MS

“ Mike And Nancy Solomon lit a candle in memory of Betty L. DeLeonardo



Mike and Nancy Solomon - April 06, 2016 at 08:04 AM

MS

I will always remember Betty as a very sweet and fun lady to be around. She use to come into Phillip's dress shop when I worked there and we always had a good time while she shopped. Prayers for the family.

Mike and Nancy Solomon - April 06, 2016 at 08:06 AM

GB

“ Goddard's Auto Body lit a candle in memory of Betty L. DeLeonardo



Goddard's Auto Body - April 05, 2016 at 08:56 PM

SO

“ *David, I don't remember every meeting your Mother, but so sorry for your loss...Susan (Treat) Odum*



Susan Odum - April 05, 2016 at 07:59 PM

PW

“ *PAT WOMACK lit a candle in memory of Betty L. DeLeonardo*



PAT WOMACK - April 05, 2016 at 05:04 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Betty L. DeLeonardo.*



April 05, 2016 at 11:48 AM



“ *Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Betty L. DeLeonardo*



Teresa Anderson - April 05, 2016 at 09:21 AM

LH

“ *Lonnie And Cathy Hinton lit a candle in memory of Betty L. DeLeonardo*



Lonnie and Cathy Hinton - April 04, 2016 at 04:06 PM

JS

“ *John Slack lit a candle in memory of Betty L. DeLeonardo*



John Slack - April 04, 2016 at 01:30 PM

JM

“ *Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Betty L. DeLeonardo*



Jeannie McCall - April 04, 2016 at 01:08 PM

LM

“ *Diane, We always enjoyed running into your mother, she always had the sweetest smile. Your bed is always ready, anytime you want to come and relax. Thinking of you, Jeff and Linda*

Linda and Jeff Mathis - April 04, 2016 at 11:11 AM

JR

“ *James & Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Betty L. DeLeonardo*



James & Diane Rainbolt - April 04, 2016 at 11:10 AM



Brennan Michael

“ *So sorry for your loss. Betty was an amazing neighbor and will be missed.*



Brennan Michael - April 04, 2016 at 10:44 AM

MA

“ *Mitzie Nichols Augustus lit a candle in memory of Betty L. DeLeonardo*



Mitzie Nichols Augustus - April 04, 2016 at 10:38 AM

JF

“ *To e family of Betty, I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed talking with Betty. She will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers.*

Richard and Joan Owen

joan faulkner - April 04, 2016 at 07:41 AM

JF

“ *Joan Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Betty L. DeLeonardo*



joan faulkner - April 04, 2016 at 07:37 AM

JM

“ *John Morris lit a candle in memory of Betty L. DeLeonardo*



John Morris - April 04, 2016 at 06:15 AM

SR

“ *Oh, Diane, I am so, so sorry! Your mom was an amazing woman. I learned a lot from her. She was always so good to me.*

Sheri Hook Robinson - April 03, 2016 at 08:53 AM

DD

Oh. Thanks so much Sheri. That is very sweet.

Diane DeLeonardo - April 03, 2016 at 01:58 PM