



Betty Bise Wuerthner

August 21, 1933 - March 29, 2012

Betty E. Wuerthner, 78, of Farmington, wife of W. Keith Wuerthner, passed away Thursday March 29, 2012 at the UConn Medical Center in Farmington. She was born August 21, 1933 in Richlands, VA, the daughter of the late Margie Van Dyke Bise and Dewey Bise. As a young girl she moved to Butte, MT where her stepfather, Woodrow T. Shrader worked in the copper mines for the US Army. She graduated from Butte Public High School in 1952 where she was a member of the National Honor Society. She attended Montana State University in Missoula where she majored in Business Administration and was a member of the Royaleers, the university's square dance club.

As a "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi," she was married on September 15, 1956 in Butte, MT to W. Keith Wuerthner, her college sweetheart, and traveled and lived in several different areas of the country while her husband was in the U.S. Army and employed by several different companies. She worked in the accounting department of Thiokol Chemical Corporation in Brigham City, UT and in the marketing department of the small motors division of General Electric in Fort Wayne, IN. She was the office manager for the Roanoke, VA Council of Garden Clubs before moving to Connecticut in 1976. In 1975 she became an accredited flower show judge of the National Council of Garden Clubs.

In Farmington she continued her interest in the Garden clubs organization

where she served as a two-term president of Farmington's Tunxis Garden Club and then joined the West Hartford Garden Club of 1989. At the time of her death she was a master flower show judge and judged many local garden club shows around the state as well as the state flower and garden show in Hartford. She also did many special programs on flower arranging in Connecticut. For several years she had her own flower design and arranging business in Farmington. Betty was an accomplished flower arranger and did many Japanese-style arrangements. She was a member and teacher of the International Sogetsu School of Japanese Flower Arranging including Connecticut organization.

She was a life member of the National Council of Garden Clubs, a life member of Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, a master judge emeritus of the Connecticut Judges Council and a 53-year plus member of the Corinne Chapter of Eastern Star in Corinne, UT. For many years she was the treasurer of the East Farms Water Supply Association, Inc.

In addition to her husband, her sister, Alice G. Hickey of Perkasio, PA; a sister-in-law, Mary Anne Wuerthner of Arlington, VA; eight nephews and nieces, numerous great nephews and nieces and several great grand nephews and nieces around the country survive her.

Calling hours for Betty are Monday evening 5 to 8 PM at the Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. Funeral services and burial are private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one of the following, Lions Club of New Britain, Charities for Eye Projects, PO Box 1933, New Britain, CT 06051 or the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, 103 Vision Way, Bloomfield, CT 06002, or to the New Britain Salvation Army, 78 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. The Carlson Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by "clicking" SEND CONDOLENCES at the bottom of the page.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to learn this morning of the lost of a dear flower show judge with whom I have enjoyed knowing and judging with her. My deepest sympathy to all the family

Sis Schlesinger - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I'm shocked and so sad to hear about Betty's passing. She was such an inspiration to me and I loved working with her at Garden Club. She was extremely talented woman but reticent about her accomplishments. She will be very much missed.

My sympathy to you, Keith. I know how much Betty depended upon you and how she was always thinking about you.

Marj Johnson

Marjorie Johnson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Shirley and I offer our prayers for Betty. She was a lovely and sweet women. We know that Keith will cherish their wonderful years together.

Frank - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ It is with deep sorrow that we read of your passing. Over the years it has been our pleasure to have met you and have become good friends.

We cannot thank you enough for all the help you gave me as superintendant of the flower exhibit at the Berlin fair years after years.

As a great flower judge you taught me a lot about flower exhibiting and I thank you for that. Thank you for getting the other five judges to help with the judging. Couldn't have done it all without you. Also, It was our pleasure to have been with you and Keith at the Good Life Center Dinners and Picnics. It was enjoyable. May God Bless you we will miss you. Sophie & Dick Colamussi Supt of flower exhibit -Berlin Fair.

Sophie & Dick Colamussi - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM