



Elizabeth "Betty" Valentine

June 9, 1908 - February 15, 2004

Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson Carlson Valentine, 95, of Berlin, died Sunday February 15, 2004 in Rocky Hill. She was predeceased by her first husband Harry Carlson in 1979 and her second husband Carl Valentine in 1985. A lifelong Berlin resident, she operated Spruce Brook Gardens in Berlin for over 30 years, retiring in 1989. A graduate of New Britain High School in 1926, Betty was a member of the Berlin Congregational Church; the Rock Garden Society and the Horticultural Society.

Surviving is a son, William A. Carlson and his wife Patricia of Newington; a daughter, Nancy Leighton of Heber Springs, Arkansas; a daughter-in-law, Kay Carlson of Kensington; 5 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Besides her husbands, she was also predeceased by a son, Richard A. Carlson in 1992.

Funeral services are Thursday 2 PM at Berlin Congregational Church, 878 Worthington Ridge, Berlin. Burial will be in Maple Cemetery. Calling hours are Wednesday 5 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Memorial donations may be made to Berlin Congregational Church. Please share a memory of Betty with her family on our online guestbook by clicking on "Tribute" at the bottom of the page.

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“ *Some of my favorite times growing up were working with Aunt Betty and Uncle Carl at Spruce Brook Gardens preparing flowers for drying and helping out in the greenhouse.*

May she now rest easy and live on in the memories of those she touched over the years.

Steve Eastwood - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My own memory of Betty includes the many times Plant sales were held at her manicured home and the many hours she devoted to the Ct. ChapterNARGS. Her love of good garden plants and her work ethic is legend to many American gardeners.*

Sally Katkaveck - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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