



## Elizabeth G. Kennedy

October 17, 1926 - May 5, 2020

### “Climb Every Mountain”

Elizabeth “Betty” E. (Gordon) Kennedy, age 93 of Penn Valley, passed away peacefully after a brief illness, on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at Rosewood Gardens Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Broomall.

Born in Allentown to the late Glen and Elizabeth (Holden) Gordon, Betty spent her childhood in various cities until her family settled in Merion, where she graduated from the Baldwin School, Class of 1944. She then earned her general degree from Bradford Junior College in Haverhill, MA.

After college, Betty worked for the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and then First Pennsylvania Bank, which was when she met her late husband, Dr. Richard W. Kennedy at church. They were married, settling in Penn Valley, and together they lovingly raised their son and daughter. They shared over 51 years of marriage until his passing in October 2000.

Betty was an avid and award winning gardener, having a particular interest in roses. She was a past member of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and the Garden Club of Penn Valley. She loved going to Longwood Gardens with her family and friends, especially every summer to see the annual Brandywiners outdoor theater productions. She was proud of the fact that she attended performances for over 71 consecutive summers right up until last summer.

Betty loved sailing on the Chesapeake Bay with her family and friends for many years, and had been a proud member of the Main Line Power Squadron since 1969. She earned several honors for her service and assistance helping the education program over the years. She was also a member and past president of the Mainstays, which was the women’s auxiliary of the MLPS.

She cherished countless annual winter trips with her family and friends to Skytop Lodge in the Poconos over the years. Betty loved the beaches of the Jersey Shore, vacationing every summer with family and friends in Avalon, NJ at the Whitebrier Hotel and the Desert Sand Resort for many years. On those summer vacations, she loved going to Stone Harbor for the annual Springer’s ice cream sodas, visiting her favorite restaurants, swimming in the ocean, shopping in her favorite stores with her daughter, and also

secretly hiding her purchases from her husband, deep in the back of the car.

Betty and her husband were fortunate enough, in later years, to travel the world and took memorable trips to Great Britain, Scotland, England, France, Switzerland, and Holland. They also cruised to Bermuda and through the Panama Canal. They took countless annual winter trips by way of the Amtrak Auto Train to Longboat Key, FL to visit with friends.

Since 1963, Betty had been a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She loved ice skating, teaching her children how to skate and was also a past member of the Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society for many years.

Enjoying Godiva Chocolate, making milkshakes for her children, and baking were a few of her other favorite pastimes. But most of all, Betty treasured the time that she was able to share with her family, whether the visits were short, long, or on the telephone. She was a gifted listener and always had good common sense advice that would help motivate her family to "climb every mountain". She was always eager to hear whatever was going on in the lives of those she loved. She was a wonderful, loving and supportive mother and grandmother and will be sadly missed indeed.

Betty is survived by her son Richard Kennedy, Jr. of Glen Mills; her daughter Peggy Schumacher and husband Oswald of Vineland, NJ; one brother Glen Gordon, Jr. and companion Beth of San Antonio, TX; one grandson Jeffrey Lambert and wife Melanie of Millville, NJ; and two great-grandkiddos, Caleb and Madison. She was predeceased by her husband Dr. Richard W. Kennedy, D.D.S.

Private graveside services for Betty will be conducted in the West Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bala Cynwyd.

Memorial contributions in memory of Betty may be made to the Disabled American Veterans at the website: [dav.org](http://dav.org); St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or at the website: [stjude.org](http://stjude.org); or to the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, P.O. Box 5028, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5028 or at the website: [giving.mskcc.org](http://giving.mskcc.org).

Memories and expressions of sympathy for Elizabeth Kennedy may be shared on the Obituary Tribute Wall at: [www.chadwickmckinney.com](http://www.chadwickmckinney.com).



# Comments

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“ Betty was a good friend to me for over 40 years. I admired her indomitable spirit, her wonderful sense of humor, and her kindness to my husband and I during difficult times. Also the fantastic Thanksgiving dinners she shared with us!  
I had not seen Betty for the past two years but we had many great telephone conversations which I will miss very much.  
Thank you Peggy, Rich and Jeff for creating this page and sharing such beautiful memories. My deepest sympathy to all of you.

**Stephanie Vogdes (Mackenzie)** - May 12, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ Thanks for being such a wonderful friend to Mom. She cherished it along with phone calls recently.

It was so special to share our Thanksgivings with you over many years. Take care. Be safe. Love you

**Peggy Schumacher** - May 12, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ Thank you so much Stephanie for staying in touch with Mom over the years. You were a wonderful friend to her and she always enjoyed talking with you.

**Rich** - May 12, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ You were always a good friend to me over the years, Stephe!! I used to love going to pick you up for many Thanksgivings and our really great conversations over the years in the car on the way to and from Nanas house. She thought the world of you and cherished the friendship you both shared. Really hope you and I can talk some time soon and catch up!

**Jeff Lambert** - May 12, 2020 at 11:13 PM

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**Jeff Lambert** - May 10, 2020 at 10:35 PM

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“ Memories of the Avalon Vacations...



Jeff Lambert - May 10, 2020 at 10:28 PM

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“ Fond memories on the Chesapeake Bay!!



Jeff Lambert - May 10, 2020 at 10:23 PM

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“ Memories of Skytop Lodge in the Poconos, famous freeing cold picnics and wonderful dinners!!



Jeff Lambert - May 10, 2020 at 10:10 PM

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Jeff Lambert - May 10, 2020 at 10:02 PM

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“ Memories shared from neighbors ... memorable block parties and my Nana was the historian! And they used her yard to play games! So neat to see these pics...thanks Joan & Steve Trachtenberg for sharing with us!



Jeff - May 10, 2020 at 06:57 PM

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Jeff Lambert - May 10, 2020 at 03:46 PM



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**Jerold & Susan ARONSON** - May 09, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ Thanks for sharing. Mom always looked forward to the annual neighborhood party.

**Peggy Schumacher** - May 09, 2020 at 07:11 PM



“ These are great. Thanks so much for posting!

**Rich** - May 09, 2020 at 10:22 PM

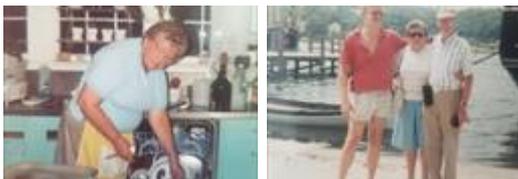


“ Wow they're wonderful photos! There she is with her famous brownies!! She loved her neighbors!!

**Jeff Lambert** - May 09, 2020 at 11:28 PM



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**Jeff Lambert** - May 09, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ Wonderful memories of being picked up at home in millville by nana for long summer vacations at their house!



**Jeff Lambert** - May 09, 2020 at 02:42 PM



“ The intensity of "locking through" the house before leaving for a trip, you would have to see it the process to believe it!



Jeff Lambert - May 09, 2020 at 02:41 PM

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**Jeff Lambert** - May 09, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ Thanks Jeff for the memories. She always treasured you. What a blessing in our lives. Really captured the moment

**Peggy Schumacher** - May 09, 2020 at 01:59 PM

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**Jeff Lambert** - May 09, 2020 at 01:31 PM

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**Peggy Schumacher** - May 09, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ Mom and Dad at the Desert Sand in the 90s

**Peggy Schumacher** - May 09, 2020 at 12:01 PM

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“ May Betty rest in peace.

With love and fond memories,

The Meehan family

**Theresa Meehan** - May 08, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ Thank you so much for your kind words and being caring neighbors. Mom was always fond of you all.

**Peggy Schumacher** - May 08, 2020 at 08:55 PM



“ Terry thanks for your thoughts and for being such good neighbors to our Mom. Best wishes and good health to your family.

**Rich Kennedy** - May 09, 2020 at 10:49 AM

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“ Condolences Rich and Peggy. As you know, our mother died a few years ago, and your mom was the last of that era on Moreno Road. She and your dad were stalwarts of our community. We visited your mom a few years ago and it was nice to see that she retained her sense of humor, naming and casually referring to her artificial leg as if it were a third person.  
Cherish the memories!  
Carden Welsh

**Carden Welsh** - May 08, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ Thanks so much. I remember her raving about getting to see you and Pat again. The visit meant the world to her. She missed your Mom so much after her moving. I cherish the memories of your Mom and then your Dad and our Dad with their trains Thanks for your condolences. Seems like yesterday sometimes when you and the neighborhood boys played street football...

**Peggy Schumacher** - May 08, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ She used to call it "funny foot". Great memories of old Moreno Road days. Thanks so much for your thoughts. Best wishes to your entire family. Thanks Carden.

Rich K

**Rich** - May 08, 2020 at 07:19 PM

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**Oz Schumacher** - May 08, 2020 at 02:22 PM

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“ Longwood Gardens, Nanas last performance July 2019.



**Jeff Lambert** - May 08, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ Nana always counted down the days until Longwood....she was always so happy once inside the outdoor theatre... this picture shows the delight on her face that she was there!!

**Jeff Lambert** - May 08, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ Wonderful picture.

**Rich** - May 08, 2020 at 02:14 PM



“ You were great Jeff to see that she always got there too in later years

**Peggy Schumacher** - May 08, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ And your trips with Mom to the shore. She got to see the ocean even in later years because of your caring.

**Rich** - May 08, 2020 at 02:42 PM



“ We both looked so forward to those days together and also the many trips to Florida on the Auto Train....some of the fondest memories and wonderful conversations!

**Jeff** - May 09, 2020 at 08:45 AM

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**Jeff Lambert** - May 08, 2020 at 11:26 AM

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“ Peggy and Rick - I am so sorry for your loss. Your Mom was generous in giving me rides to school on rainy days and supportive in my efforts to sell Girl Scout cookies (can you say Thin Mints!) and Hershey bars for the school play. She always had the best snacks in the pantry and was happy to share. She had a definite idea about how things should roll and was never shy to point out if you were a bit off track in that regard. Your Mom had an awesome sense of humor! My Mom was thankful for her support when my Dad had Alzheimers and appreciated the time they spent together. She was of the era when neighbors watched out for each other and I like to think we are all better people because of it! Am keeping you in my heart and thoughts at this time. Kris

**Kris Holleran** - May 08, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ Thank so much Kris! I assure my Mom had an ample supply of snacks right up until the end. Best wishes for good health to your entire family.

Rich

**Rich** - May 08, 2020 at 11:42 AM



“ Thanks Kris  
Your kind words captured so much  
You are such a dear special lifelong friend

Love

Peggy

**Peggy Schumacher** - May 08, 2020 at 11:57 AM

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“ Peggy and Richard---i was the travel agent who always helped your parents plan their wonderful trips--i so enjoyed taking care of them---Your Mom had the biggest and most heart-warming smile-when she would call me to make an appointment to come into the office and talk with me-she would say--"Well its my hairdresser day-so i will see you after--we always laughed--your tribute to your Mom reminded me so much of my Mom--report card,etc---my Dad passed away on their 59th wedding anniversary--and now when that day comes every year-i think how happy they both are now-they are back together-so imagine how happy your Dad was to welcome her to the gates of Heaven with open arms--i was so sorry to see that she had passed away--but she touched so many people-and there will always be a nice memory and a smile that lets you know --THEY ARE BOTH LOOKING OVER YOU AND YOUR BROTHER--MY CONDOLENCES TO YOUR FAMILY---

maria cermignano - May 08, 2020 at 10:07 AM



“ Thank you so much Maria for your kind thoughts. Best wishes to you and your family.

Rich - May 08, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ Thank you for your kind words. Mom always wanted to be sure she booked a trip with you. Always raved about you and your knack for making their trip to smoothly

Peggy

Peggy Schumacher - May 08, 2020 at 12:02 PM

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“ Mom also encouraged me to go back to school at 50 for my x-ray license. Was the first person I called when I passed the state test.  
As children we always enjoyed the chocolate milk shakes she would make for a picnic at the stone table in our backyard  
So many memories  
Love and hugs to you  
Give one to Dad for me too!  
Today was their anniversary would have been married for 71 years

Peggy Schumacher - May 07, 2020 at 10:15 PM

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“ Mom taught me at an early age the love of gardening. I had a garden next to hers that had pansies and a bleeding heart which was her father's favorite flower. She was a wonderful daughter to her mother and I remember the daily calls to her she would make.  
She would always take me school shopping buying Ladybug clothes and Ainee handbags  
Every year we would have our annual shoe shopping at "Barrie's" in Stone Harbor She would always hide hers in a secret compartment in back of car.  
When I really needed her she was always there for me  
She was the one my brother and I always showed our report cards to first  
In later years after Dad had passed she spent an hour telling me how to operate her new car so I could drive then handed the keys to my husband Oz to drive.  
And then there was always the special way only she could load the dishwasher.  
I will cherish our daily phone visits  
Love you  
bye Mom  
rest in peace with Dad  
Love  
Peg

**Peggy Schumacher** - May 07, 2020 at 07:34 PM

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**Jeff Lambert** - May 07, 2020 at 06:32 PM

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“ Mom taught me to be strong, to be resilient, to be honest, to be self-reliant, when to stand up for yourself and when to stand up for other.

She never missed a school night, a concert, a practice, a game day or a birthday. She was always there and you could always, always count on her.

Mom showed me how to how to sail, how to cook, and how to value every sunset and every precious moment.

She's together again with Dad. May they have fair winds and calm seas for their eternal passage together.



**Rich Kennedu** - May 07, 2020 at 03:16 PM