



Elizabeth "Betsy" Armour

December 21, 1927 - September 18, 2022

Elizabeth (Betsy) C. Armour, 94, beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, and friend, passed away on September 18, 2022.

Betsy was born on December 21, 1927 in Manila, Philippine Islands to Richard and Elizabeth (Ringwalt) Crane where her dad was stationed with the U. S. Army. The family moved from there to Massachusetts and eventually moved to Michigan where she graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in January 1946.

Betsy attended Wellesley College from 1946 through 1949. On June 18, 1949, Betsy was wed to her high school sweetheart James (Jim) Armour in Falls Church, Virginia. She moved to Ithaca, New York with her husband who was a student at Cornell University at the time of their marriage. Betsy worked in the Cornell University library while Jim completed his studies. Jim and Betsy then moved to Chelmsford Massachusetts and began building a family. While her husband attended Harvard Business School, Betsy worked to support the family and help with school expenses by starting a daycare in her home, which was also attended by the couple's two young children. Despite the numerous organizations that Betsy was involved in, she was first and foremost a devoted mom, supporting her children as they grew and explored the world around them. As her children became independent college students, Betsy pursued a master's degree in Speech Pathology. Her work in this field

gave her much satisfaction, especially helping young children learn to speak again after a brain injury.

Betsy retired in 1989 at the time of her husband's retirement to spend more time with family and friends. She enjoyed her retirement years immensely, traveling far and wide with her husband, Jim. She led an active life enjoying tennis, skiing, bridge, croquet, bicycling, and hosting many wonderful gatherings at their home. She was an active member of the Main Line Ski Club and the Merion Cricket Club. Unfortunately, she developed dementia in her late 70's, which put an end to much of her travel and activities.

Betsy is predeceased by her husband of 73 years, James (Jim) Armour, her older brother, Richard Crane, and her younger sister, Dorothy Lewis. She is survived by her son, James (Jay) Armour III and wife Polly Armour, her daughter Elizabeth (Beth) Armour and husband Tucker Barrett, grandchildren Ryan and Cora Barrett, Sarah and Josh Armour, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life for family and close friends will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Nature Conservancy or the Main Line Unitarian Church.

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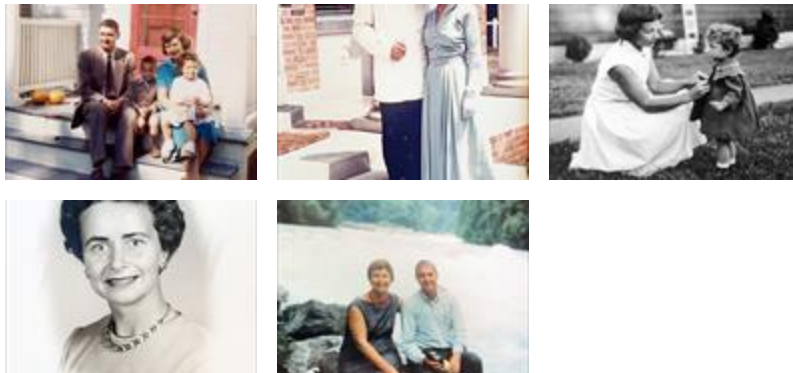
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“ Aunt Betsy was my vivacious, beautiful, full of life aunt. She was the hub or connection to my Grandmother and Crane family memories. Through circumstances and being a military brat I was more remote, but Betsy and Jim always warmly welcomed my calls and visits. My sister Cathy and I were honored that Beth and Jay were at my father’s memorial service on June 10th this year in San Antonio. These past months, I have especially treasured the wonderful memories of my Dad’s visits with Aunt Betsy and Uncle Jim as they hosted us as we revisited our grandparents Quincy home and ancestors residences back to the grave of our immigrant Henry Crane buried right outside the Quincy Clerk’s office where the portrait of long term City Clerk Emery Locke Crane hangs. Sincerely and with loving regards.
Steve Crane

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