



Betty Ann Rich

November 30, 1928 - November 7, 2013

Austin, TX-Betty Ann Rich passed away on Thursday at one of her son's homes in Austin, Texas , surrounded by friends and family after a long battle with cancer. She was just shy of celebrating her 85th year of bringing joy to all she came into contact with.

Betty, also known as "Betty Boop", was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts to Harold and Gertrude Sexton as Betty Ann Sexton. She and her cousins from a large clan of Sextons grew up in and around Pittsfield and upstate New York and remained lifelong friends. Albany called to her after graduating from Pittsfield High School and she became a resident of Albany thereafter. Betty was employed throughout her life in the Albany area as child duties would allow. During this time she worked for, among others, The Capital Region Human Resource Association and was a longtime Board member of the Albany County Association for Retarded Children (FKA, New Visions), was a board member of the Youth Advisory Board for Albany County, the Capital District Chapter for Autistic Children and the National Association of Vocational-Technical Education Communicators. She also served on committees for OMRDD Summer Camp (NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities). She was absolutely committed for the last 50 years of her life to helping others challenged by disabilities. Her inspiration was her late son, Tim Rich.

Betty was a widow for many years having lost her late husband, Martin J. Rich in 2001. She was also predeceased by her son, Tim Rich who passed away in 2008. She is survived by two sons, Michael J. Cramer of Austin, Texas (who is married to one of her shopping buddies and general mischief collaborators, Christy Gallow-Cramer) and Gary J. Cramer of Euless, Texas. She was also survived by a brother, Ken Sexton (who was often seen walking the streets during various parades in Pittsfield, Massachusetts in full clown regalia), a sister in law, Mary Skeals of Albany, 9 grandchildren living all over the country, 4 great grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild and large numbers of cousins and extended family.

Relatives and friends are invited to call at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany Sunday, November 10, 2013, 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

A Service will be conducted at 6:00 pm that same evening (please use doors on North Allen Street to enter funeral home).

A graveside service will be held Monday, November 11, 2013 at 11:30 am in Memory Garden Cemetery.

Those wishing to remember Betty Boop in a special way may send contributions in lieu of flowers to Albany ARC, 334 Krumkill Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159 or Hospice Austin, which provided such great and gentle care of her over the past month, 4107 Spicewood Springs Rd., Austin, TX 78759.

To leave a message for the family, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit www.McveighFuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens Cemetery

983 Watervliet Shaker Road
Albany, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Ann Rich*

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“ *God bless you Betty.*



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“ *to my sunshine, you came into my life like a comet, you made an impact in my life that can't be explained. god has two of the greatest ladies with him, you and my mom. may god bless you and keep you safe. i love you my my little betty boop*

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“ *betty, only met you once but you made me feel so special, my husband always said how wonderful you were and when i met you i knew what he said was so true!!!!i'am so happy we had that day together and i wish we met sooner will miss you dearly love annie travers your ups drivers wife !!!!!!!!!*

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“Mickey and Gary - so sorry to hear of your moms passing. I remember with such joy and laughter all the hours spent with Bunny. I would babysit for Timmy to give your mother a break. It was a laugh a minute with her around. She'd pay me for babysitting with rolls of pennies and would always feed me lunch while I was feeding Timmy his soup. She made the best and thickest bologna sandwiches ever. She will always be remembered as one of the most enjoyable parts of my childhood.

*With my deepest sympathy,
Nancy McClune Palma*

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