



Emma Elizabeth "Betty" Sager

July 29, 1917 - April 21, 2016

We note with sadness and celebration the journey's end, April 21, 2016 for our beloved Mother, Betty "TT" (Emma Elizabeth) Sager of Perryopolis, after a full life of almost 99 years. From riding horseback to school as a little girl, she experienced the lunar landing and the computer era. Born on a farm to Ellen Blair and Ollie Luce in Perryopolis in 1917, Betty was proud of her heritage and her Alma Mater, Muskingum College, where she honed her acting skills, and began her life-long interest in politics, poetry, hard work and a quest for answers to life's big questions. Her loving marriage to Mike (Harold) lasted 60 years until his death in 2000, and produced 3 children, Carol, husband Graham (Knox) Suellen (Fitzsimmons) and Jeffrey, wife Sherry, 6 grandchildren, Erin and Dave (Martin) Rachel Sager, Hilary and Will (Robinson), Molly Sager, Graham and Kelli (Knox) and Matthew and Susanne, and 8 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings, Peg Crouse (97) of Florida and Matthew(94) of Rockwood. As a lifelong member of the church her father built, and her grandfather, Rev. Matthew Blair pastored after emigrating from Scotland, Betty was a champion for fairness and justice. Mike and Betty loved spending winters in Florida, where they always welcomed family and friends, but remained loyal to their hometowns of Smithton and Perryopolis. Some of her favorite years were spent teaching school, inspiring young minds. Students loved her belief that, "Everyone wears a little sign around his neck that says, "I want to be important." Betty, the ultimate hostess, loved cooking for church dinners, Fine Arts Club, and could fashion a gourmet

delivery for Meals On Wheels. The family thanks Betty's loving caregivers, Shelly, Sharon, Rochelle, Pam, Rose and Carol, and OSPTA Hospice for their care, and the new family she was blessed to inherit. Friends are welcome to a service of celebration at Perryopolis Christian Church on Saturday, May 7 at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow at the family home. Memorial contributions may be made to Perryopolis Christian Church, OSPTA Hospice or Christopher-Dana Reeve Foundation. The Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon, is handling arrangements. 724-929-5300 w [ww.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com](http://www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Perryopolis Christian Church
307 Independence Street
Perryopolis, PA 15473

Tribute Wall

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“ Oh my goodness. I was searching for Jeff's phone number when Betty's obituary came up. I'm so very sorry for your loss. She was a truly grand lady and I adored her husband, Mike, as well. I would love it if someone would contact me at LeslieReyn@aol.com.

Leslie Hepler Reynolds - November 18, 2016 at 02:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Emma Elizabeth "Betty" Sager.



May 06, 2016 at 08:16 PM

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“ MALINDA SHOAF WAGNER lit a candle in memory of Emma Elizabeth "Betty" Sager



MALINDA SHOAF WAGNER - April 24, 2016 at 09:17 AM