



## Elizabeth "Betsy" Ann Stiles

August 4, 1950 - November 24, 2022

Elizabeth "Betsy" Ann Stiles, aged 72, formerly of LaGrange and Evergreen Park, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Thanksgiving afternoon, November 24, 2022, at Artis of Lakeview in Chicago.

Everything Betsy did - from flower arrangements, to food platters, and especially her laugh - was larger than life. She did her best to live a life of service - to be a joy to the joyful and to bring laughter to the grieving.

Betsy is survived by three children, Mark, Jeff (Maria), and Colleen (Joe Begale) Stiles-Shields. Very proud grandmother of Eleanor and Grace – who are every bit as sassy as their Gram.

Loving sister of Bobbie (Peter Minnwegan) Stiles and Patty (Jim Burns) Stiles; aunt of Maureen, Katie, and Jimmy Burns.

Former spouse and dear friend of Lloyd Shields. Also survived by the much-adored Simmons cousins and many dear friends.

Preceded in death by her mother, Elizabeth "Betty" Connelly Stiles, the family matriarch -- a single mother who raised three feminists before it was cool.

Celebration of Life Sunday December 4, 2-5pm (3pm service) at Artifact

Events, 4325 N. Ravenswood, Chicago, IL 60613.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Ronald McDonald House (<https://rmhc.org/donate>) (where she volunteered) or to the ASPCA (<https://secure.aspca.org/donate/donate>) (to honor her love of dogs)

Arrangements entrusted to Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-318-1305 or [www.inclusivefuneralcare.com](http://www.inclusivefuneralcare.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 4. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Artifact Events  
4325 North Ravenswood Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60613  
<http://artifacventschicago.com>

## Service

DEC 4. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

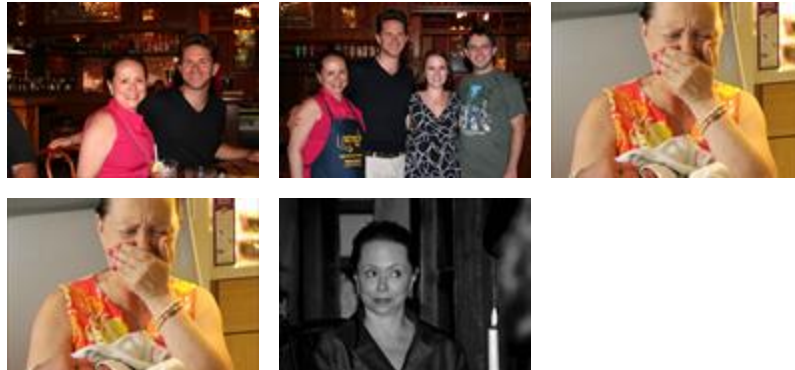
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“ Living in today’s world is all about how we treat our neighbor. How we treat the less fortunate and the stranger in our midst, that was Betsy. I think Betsy’s life was never about the most popular or prosperous, it was about her daily experiences. She lived that so well the last few years. I have many experiences- planning Maria and Jeff’s wedding together. Jim and I would be on our front porch and she would stroll by walking her pups and deep thoughts would be shared. To me Betsy was the Auntie Mame in my life and I think I surely learned to live life to the fullest.

Pattie Martin - December 04, 2022 at 01:06 PM

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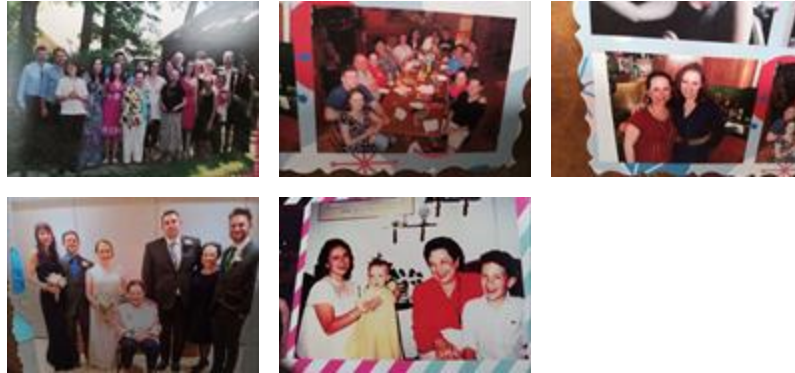
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Patty - December 03, 2022 at 08:14 PM

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Patty - December 02, 2022 at 03:03 PM

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Wendy Popp - December 02, 2022 at 08:36 AM

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“ To Betsy's family: Your mother was an absolute light when she walked into a room. She was walking, talking kindness. A magnet for anyone looking for a friend- she would make you feel like you were important and cared for! I am lucky to have met her and consider myself a better person because of the time I was able to spend with her.

Molly - December 01, 2022 at 05:21 PM

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“ *The Unforgettable Betsy Stiles! I first met Betsy when our youngest children entered the doors of St. Cletus Elementary School. We had volunteered to be room moms and were joined by two other great moms, Eugenia and Cindy. I had already been around the halls of St. Cletus for 12 years, volunteering in one capacity or another, but nothing had prepared me for the “force of Betsy”. I remember our first room mom’s meeting: Betsy would talk, well actually expound, and I would just look at Eugenia and Cindy as if we had all entered another dimension. I do believe that the 4 of us were the best room mom’s team St. Cletus has ever seen. No matter what ideas we came up with for the kids or the teachers Betsy magnified it from a loving effort to a LOVING EVENT, with all the finishing touches. To be honest, at times, it was exhausting trying to keep up with her. For a couple of years if you wanted to find one of us all you had to do was find one of the other three. It was a time I remember fondly. As time passed, Cindy, Eugenia and I returned to school to enrich our educations and Betsy became our biggest cheer leader. We would still come together on various projects, supporting the school or the church. Cindy, Eugenia and I would re-enter the “other dimension” of Betsy as she would share her ideas with eyes wide open, hands moving, and voice uncontainably loud, as her excitement heightened. It was hard not to get caught up in and agree to her plans! One of our standout events was a Mother Daughter Dinner. The four of us spent days making several dolls out of tomato stakes, styrofoam heads and raffia paper that we raffled off. Great sharing time together. There were poems read, skits preformed and best of all, the dads rented tuxedos and were our singing waiters. Betsy lived with her heart wide open, her opinions without question, her voice heard counties away, and her laughter turning the heads of strangers no matter where she was. She often graciously volunteered Lloyd and her kids to help with anything from hanging crepe paper in the gym to laying sod in our backyard and anything else she deemed giving back for blessings received. One of her great lessons was that she taught her boys that “it doesn’t take a uterus to clean a toilet”. Such a Betsy phrase!*

*One of my fondest times spent with Betsy was 20 years ago, after*

*we had moved to Charlotte, NC. I asked Betsy to help me plan a surprise 50th birthday party for my husband. We were 18 months out from the loss of our son, and I just wanted to hear voices and laughter of family and friends within our walls once again. Betsy flew to Charlotte five times in preparation for the big event. On one of those trips, we had had an ice storm and were without power for several days. That did not stop Betsy! She arrived with a full-length fur coat in hand, and said, "I will be warm at night because I will sleep in my fur coat" and that's exactly what she did! (That same coat was also thrown on over pajamas and worn for a quick trip to the Jewel food store on many occasions). Betsy burst with imagination as we planned this party. She repurposed rooms in my house, lit up our back deck, and redid a good bit of our landscaping. Renting tables, chairs, and tents, finding a caterer, having posters and picture boards created and picking the invitations – she left no stone unturned. She was amazing! I would add here that this incredible act of love did not come cheap as she told me "I have no problem spending other people's money, I love it!" She truly lifted us up when we needed it.*

*I was saddened by her diagnoses over the past years, just as I am saddened by her death. I am grateful for her peaceful passing. I am blessed with a plethora of memories created with her and by her. I am a better person for having known her. Now that she's in Heaven I'm sure it will be challenge for God and His angels to contain her energy and lower the volume. I would expect no less of her!*

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**Alice M McGinley** - November 30, 2022 at 07:51 PM

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Patty - November 30, 2022 at 01:06 PM

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“ Although Betsy was of petite stature, she was a force to be reckoned with. Her smile was infectious & her laugh was unforgettable. She was always "up" for fun. Our first halloween as roomies, we dressed up as "greasers" with ratted hair, tight skirts & lots of make-up. She looked like she belonged at Rydell High School! She also made me take Lloyd out for his 21st birthday, since I was the only one old enough --poor Lloyd. She was always a loyal friend, & even though apart, when we talked, it was as if time hadn't passed. I will miss you dear friend!

Dulcenee E Walsh - November 29, 2022 at 08:12 PM

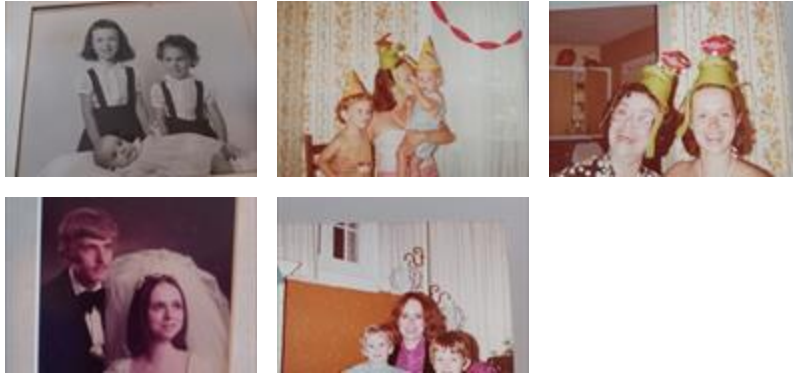
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“ I JUSR REMEMBER WHAT A GREAT LAUGH SHE HAD AND OF COURSE HER LOVE OF HER KIDS ,I MEAN DOGS

STEVE SIEGEL - November 29, 2022 at 06:11 PM

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Patty - November 29, 2022 at 01:06 PM

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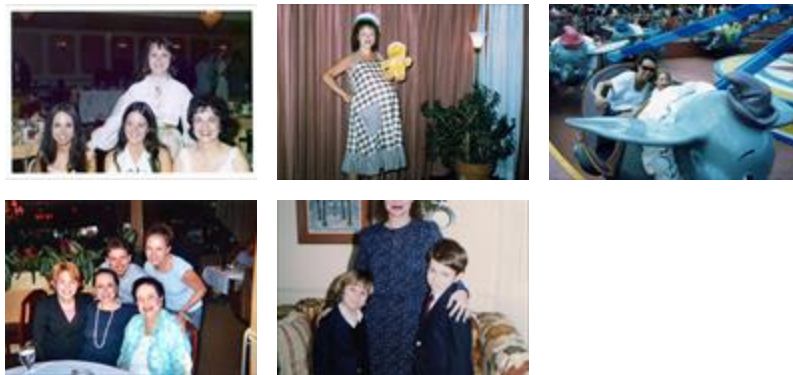
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