



Betty K. Moloznik

December 21, 1931 - June 16, 2023

Betty K. Moloznik passed away peacefully on June 16, 2023 in her Philadelphia home, surrounded by all of her children. She was predeceased by Joseph S. Moloznik her husband of 69 years, and by her eldest son Mark. She is survived by David Moloznik, Karen Norton, Douglas Moloznik, Beth Termini and Bruce Moloznik, their spouses and their families.

Born Betty Kendi on December 21, 1931, she grew up in Mammoth, a village in Western Pennsylvania, the youngest of nine children. Her father was a coal miner in the neighboring mining town of Mammoth Shaft. After graduating from high school, she worked in retail before joining Capitol Airways as an airline stewardess in the early 1950's. She married Joe Moloznik in 1954 and they established their family in West Philadelphia near the University of Pennsylvania. She supported him in his legal career while raising a family of six and was a small business owner in University City. Her greatest and most rewarding role was as the proud and caring mother of 6 children, 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She played an active role in community building in University City, helping establish The University City Arts League and The University City Historical Society and serving on their boards. She also launched the Spruce Hill May Fair and organized the house tours for the historical society to celebrate the range of fine homes in the historic neighborhood.

She started A Moveable Feast with three female partners in Spruce Hill in 1974, providing a women-owned gourmet food shop and catering services to serve the university neighborhood, unique in its time.

She also was an owner and managed the food service for the historic Henryville House in the Pocono Mountains in the 1970's and early 1980's. She and Joe generously welcomed family and friends to their home in Ocean City, NJ for over five decades.

She was a dedicated member of St. Agatha/St. James parish in University City, and later

at St. Francis Xavier Church in Center City.

In 2005, Betty and Joe Moloznik moved into The Philadelphian condominium complex opposite the Philadelphia Art Museum, and established new neighborhood ties. She both stayed in touch with her oldest and dearest friends and cultivated a new, warm community of friends in The Philadelphian – continuing to make new friends at age 91, interested in everyone she met. Her warm hospitality and ready laugh made her the best of company.

She was a devoted human being who deeply loved and prayed for and worried on and advised every soul in her family. Her caring hand extended to her broad circle of friends and the friends of her children, and to her dear caretaker and family friend, Nejewa Araya.

In the spirit of their mother's conviction that love of family is expressed through meals together, her children invite those who wish to do so, to contribute to her local food bank, Philabundance, in lieu of flowers.

Relatives and friends are invited to her funeral mass, 11:00 am, Saturday, June 24th at the St. Francis Xavier Church (The Oratory), 24th & Green Streets, Philadelphia, PA. A viewing will be held in church Saturday morning from 9:00am to 10:45am. Interment at The Woodlands Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

Tribute Wall

MF

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Aunt Betty's passing. My condolences to the family*

Melanie Fritz - August 07, 2023 at 04:34 PM

JS

“ *Aunt Betty - such a wonderful woman! What an inspiration to everyone! Memories of trips to Philadelphia and the Jersey Shore always bring a smile to my face and such joy to my heart. Thank you for those precious memories!*

Janet Seremet

Janet Seremet - June 23, 2023 at 10:59 PM

MG

“ *To the Moloznik Family,
Heartfelt condolences to you all, our lifelong family friends. Because of the connection back at University of Pennsylvania between your Dad and my Dad (the late Robert Grohol who passed on 11/16/2021), and then with the marriages of your Mom to Joe in 1954 and my Mom (Bernie Grohol - still the Energizer Bunny) to Bob in 1955, our lives have been intertwined ever since, now through 3 generations. Sometimes tightly connected through Henryville House and your Ocean City beach house decades ago and sometimes loosely through events like our Mom's 90th B-day luncheon in Madison just 2 months ago (which Betty attended!). There are so many warm (and humorous) memories that our families shared. They shall forever bring smiles.*

Mrs. M, as she was affectionately called by the Grohol brothers, was almost exactly 1 year older than our Dad. We shall miss the warmth of her smile and her gentle spirit. When we were younger, and there was a kid snafu that had to be revealed to the parents, it was your Mom who we sought out !

Her long and full life was a blessing to so many.

Hugs all around, Mike Grohol (with shared sentiments from brothers Jim, Rich, and Dave, and our matriarch, Mom-Bernie Grohol)

Mike Grohol - June 23, 2023 at 03:21 PM

DS

“ *My dear Aunt Betty by marriage. You were an inspiration and a delight. Rest in peace.*

david seremet - June 22, 2023 at 07:02 PM

VP

“ Betty was one of the first people I met when I moved into the Philadelphian, 6 years ago. I was immediately touched by her helpfulness, as I navigated my new surroundings here. Her gentle and friendly spirit was a welcome. Thank you Betty for your friendship. I will always cherish and greatly miss our talks and having tea on your balcony. May you rest..... Job well done.... Sending Love and Light to this family and to Nejewa.

Peace, Vera

Vera Pratt - June 20, 2023 at 02:08 AM

RH

So saddened to hear this news. What a delightful lady, gracious hostess and fantastic cook! May her memory be a blessing.

Robin Holmes - June 21, 2023 at 06:05 AM