



Betty Jean Vellias

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Betty Jean Vellias, 66, a longtime Roy resident died suddenly on October 8, 2002. Betty was born in Des Moines, Iowa on 9/11/36. She graduated from Lincoln High School and also received a BA in music from Washington State College in 1958 and later completed her masters degree in education from Pacific Lutheran University. Betty spent a lifelong career in education. She began her teaching career at Vashon Island and later spent 30 years working for the Bethel School District, retiring as the Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education in 1990. She spent her retirement years traveling with her husband and spending winters in Yuma, Arizona. Betty is survived by her husband of 44 years Christ; sister Shirley Rulffes (Walt); children Thea Fautenberry (Ed), Robert Vellias (Mary), Aleta Ewell (Ken); 7 grandchildren, Alex, Nolan, Christine, Caila, Anthony, Cord, and Austin. A Memorial Service will be held October 12th at 4:00 PM in the Mountain View Valley Chapel in Tacoma, WA. A reception will follow immediately after the service. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Betty Vellias memorial scholarship fund at any Columbia Bank branch. The scholarship will be awarded to students of Bethel for excellence in music and education.




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Martin Lee Wheeler posted:

Betty Vellias, my third grade teacher, Bethel School District. Thank you for teaching me those life long skills from that special English book you gave me. It has been given to your son Bob Vellias for safe keeping. Rest in Peace  Martin Lee Wheeler, A Washington State Gubernatorial Candidate....A Roy Boy forevermore.

January 25 at 3:16 AM



Anonymous posted:

Shirley & Walt: Shirley, we are so sorry to hear about the loss of your sister. Our prayers are with you and your family. Dan & Jean Edmiston###imported-begin##Dan and Jean Edmiston###imported-end##

October 13 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Thea and all of your family. We are so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was a Mom and wife you can be so proud of. Thinking of you and saying a prayer for you.###imported-begin##Al & Nina Reiten###imported-end##

October 12 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Christ and Family, We were so sorry to hear of Betty's passing. We have many fond memories of Betty as both a teacher and principal at Roy Elementary. Our children were always very fond of her. I remember when she said that no one would remember her as the best housekeeper, but she hoped that they would remember her as a "good mom".. I'm sure that they will! All of her many children that she helped through the years! Sincerely, Denny & Marilyn Fell###imported-begin##Dennis & Marilyn Fell###imported-end##

October 12 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Chris and Family, Although it has been a short three years, since we had met Betty, she was a wonderful person and we enjoyed getting to know her. Our deepest sympathies for your loss and we will miss her dearly. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.###imported-begin##Deanna/Jon Holdam###imported-end##

October 11 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Chris my condolence and prayers to you and families on the loss of your beautiful wife and person, Betty Vellias. Sincerely Val Harkness##imported-begin##Val Harkness##imported-end##

October 11 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Christ & Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this trying time. Sis and Frank##imported-begin##Frank & Marian Posick##imported-end##

October 11 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Christ, My prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Pat Cloherty##imported-end##

October 10 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I was saddened to learn of Betty's passing. She was one who evidenced her trust and faith in my abilities, and as a result I was given a variety of opportunities to grow professionally. I have since been grateful for those experiences, and I have held a great deal of respect and appreciation for Betty.##imported-begin##Susan Kaelin##imported-end##

October 10 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Chris, Dwaine & I are so sorry. We were just stunned to hear about Betty's passing. You two shared many special times, and memories will help carry you thru the dark times. Sincerely, Dwaine & Janet##imported-begin##Dwaine & Janet Baccus##imported-end##

October 10 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Thea,I'm so very sorry. You and your family are in my prayers. Gail##imported-begin##Gail Robards##imported-end##

October 10 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I was Betty's secretary for two years at Spanaway Elementary and then worked with her at the administration office for several years. She was always, first and foremost, a lady . . . fair, caring, and perceptive. She will be greatly missed. May God comfort her husband, children, and grandchildren.##imported-begin##Marilynn (Kuhlmann) Holman##imported-end##

October 10 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We will miss her greatly.##imported-begin##Patricia and Richard Mattsen##imported-end##

October 10 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sorry to hear of your sudden lost.##imported-begin##lawrnce Byrd##imported-end##

October 10 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Shirley & WaltWe are deeply saddened to hear of the loss of your sister. We know you were very close.Tom & Katie Rulffes##imported-begin##Tom & Katie Rulffes##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Christ,Bob,Thea & Aleta, My heart has been hurting ever since I recieved the news about Betty. Please know that our prayes are with all of you and her grandchildren. The time I spent in Arizona during Darlenes illnes I had a chance to visit with your Mom.What a special lady, I will never forget her kind words during those hard days. It is always so hard to express what we feel inside during these times, just know I am so saddened by this, for all of you. God Bless You All, Candie Elliott and Family##imported-begin##Candie Elliott (Plumlee)##imported-end##

October 10 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Betty's family. I served as an elementary principal in Bethel under Betty's leadership. Betty helped select me for my first principalship in Bethel in 1985- first at Kapowsin and then to open Pioneer Valley Elementary in 1991. She was a true mentor, colleague and friend. The world is less compassionate and caring with Betty's passing.##imported-begin##Keith and Sandi Brown##imported-end##

October 10 at 6:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Betty by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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