



Elizabeth Mary Muehlenkamp Royce

October 2, 1920 - August 20, 2018

Elizabeth ("Betty") Royce died peacefully in her Bend, OR home early morning on August 20, 2018 at the age of 97. Funeral Mass to be held at St. Francis of Assisi Historic Church in downtown Bend on Monday, August 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Betty was born in Newport, KY to William and Susanna Muehlenkamp, the sixth of seven children. She was a Kentucky girl, born and raised across the Ohio River from Cincinnati. She was a champion swimmer in school and the family loved playing lots of cards. She played a mean game of bridge all her life! Betty received her BA from Our Lady of Cincinnati College (now part of Xavier University) and her MSW from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. While there, she met and fell in love with a handsome army officer, Bill Royce, at a college dance. When he returned from Germany at the end of WWII, they married and had 4 children. Bill died in 2012 after 66 years of marriage. Betty worked as a social worker in various capacities over the years. Betty and Bill traveled around the world and lived in Washington, D.C., Portland, OR, New Dehli, India, San Francisco Bay Area, Tokyo, Japan, Dhaka, Bangladesh and finally retired 20 years ago to beautiful Bend, OR. Betty has met the Dalai Lama and worked with Mother Teresa! Betty was always the "Hostess with the Mostest" and loved to socialize and include everyone in whatever fun is going on. Her children call her the "Queen Mum"! Betty is survived by her four children, Elizabeth (Beth) Royce Whitney of Bend, OR, William Stephen (Steve) Royce of Tigard, OR, Thomas Reilly Christopher Royce of Raleigh, NC, Susanna Royce Ross of Bend, OR, her

sons- and daughters-in-law and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, August 27 at 10:00 AM in the Historic St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church on Lava Rd., Bend. Charitable gifts may be made in her memory to the Alzheimers Association of Oregon 777 NW Wall St, Bend, OR 97703. Please visit the online registry for the family at www.niswonger-reynolds.com.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home

105 NW Irving Ave

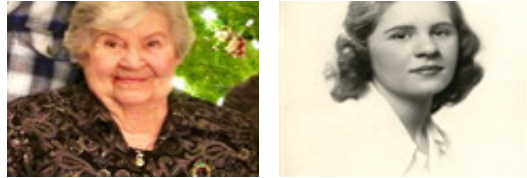
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Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery - May 18, 2023 at 02:35 PM

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“ *Elizabeth Mary Muehlenkamp Royce*

Funeral Home Owner - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ *The first day that I met Betty I knew that there was something very special about her. Even though I have only known Betty for a little over a couple month's, it felt like I have known her for years. The "Sun Goddess", and The "Queen Mum". Betty had a way to make you feel like everyone is special and loved. She will be dearly missed!*

Erika - August 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ *Having only known Betty for the last year since we moved to Bend, I can only say she was one person we thought was very special and was always fun to be around, share a meal and a glass of wine with. Her children and all those that have experienced Betty's vibrance and Joie De Vivre are going to sorely miss her. God Bless her and all of those she has touched.*

Greg and Lynne Ewald - August 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *The greatest and most loving person, Betty Royce, what a pleasure to have known her and to call her queen Mum. He wit was remarkable and hopefully when I get to heaven she will be there to greet me. I know she will be there but I do not know how long your are in heven and I am not planning on dying soon . I only hope I am in line for heaven, you never know. Love to all the family. Darlene*

Darlene Patterson - August 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PI

“ *Betty was one of my favorite mom's of all times! She always had a great smile and was very fun to visit with. Yes, she was a pistol. It's no wonder that all her children are so wonderful too. I will sure miss Betty! My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.*

Patty Ignatowski - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ *Even though we never had the pleasure of meeting Betty, we have enjoyed hearing the many wonderful "Betty" stories told by daughter Beth. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Fran & Bruce Weaver - August 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We have great memories from her visits here and ours to San Francisco and Bend. To say that she was talented and caring would be an understatement. We always enjoyed being in her company. May God bless.*

Ron and Sally Albrinck - August 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM