



Betty-Jane Purnell

August 20, 1927 - November 10, 2022

Betty-Jane Purnell (nee Bunker) on November 10, 2022 of Villas, formerly of Woodbury. Age 95. Wife of the late William E. Purnell, Sr. Loving mother of Linda (James) Sullivan of Nevada, Shirley (Charles) Taylor of Swedesboro, William E. (Marty) Purnell, Jr. of Woodbury, and Judith (Steven) Boyer of Villas. Devoted sister of Gilbert Bunker of Turnersville and sister-in-law of Mary Bunker. Cherished grandmother and great-grandmother to many.

A handsome soldier came home from World War II after serving Hawaii, Philippines and Okinawa to his home in South Philly.

While teaching Sunday School at Morse St Baptist Church he was purposely introduced to a cute young lady, a set-up between his older sister and her mother. It worked pretty well because they were married in 1947 and became "Bet and Bill". Settling first in South Philly, then across the bridge to Camden and then raising their four children in Westville.

Bet was a homemaker and began her lifelong service to the community. Starting in 1955 as a Brownie Leader, Girl Scout Leader, neighborhood chairperson of Girl Scouts, Assistant Cub Scout Leader and Secretary of Westville PTA, all revolved around children.

While living in Friendly Village in Williamstown she became a Democratic Committeewoman and President of the Village Homeowners Association. After her beloved Bill passed away, she moved to Colonial Park Apartments in Woodbury, where she resided for 30 years. There she became president of the Park's Senior Social Club. She was also Chaplain of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 137 in Woodbury. She was appointed by the Gloucester County Housing Authority as Residential Commissioner and served 20 years 2000-2020.

In her spare time, she made crystal earrings and enjoyed many years of art classes. Some of her paintings still hang in the hallways of Colonial Park. She also crocheted every grandchild and great grandchild an afghan, baby blanket, sweater and booties.

Bet had a sense of adventure and in her later years. She parasailed in Mexico, hot air ballooned, camped in a tent at the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Ft. A.P. Hill in Virginia and fell in love with Puffins and sea otters in Alaska.

She was a fun loving Mummer fan and dancer. We will miss her endless smiles, hugs and kisses and laughter.

Relatives and friends are invited to a visitation, Friday, November 18, 2022 from 10am to 11am in The Chapel at BOUCHER FUNERAL HOME, 1757 Delsea Drive, Deptford, NJ 08096.

Memorial Service 11am in The Chapel. The service will also be livestreamed through this link: <https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.boucherfuneralhome.com%2Fobituaries%2Fpermalink%2F10752303%2FLTWebcast&data=05%7C01%7Cmark%40boucherfuneralhome.com%7C6ba2516cc9af49a9b31108dac7e9e628%7C96907ad63849441da2dc871abec2eaea%7C1%7C0%7C638042104659043788%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=d2fgC3Qt6gbkUPkm%2Bfey5vLLFA094ZQi3KGqR%2B4jONk%3D&reserved=0>

Interment Private.

In lieu of flower donations may be made to Habitat for Humanity, 425 S Broadway, Pitman, NJ 08071.

For directions, to sign online guest book and to view Betty-Jane's Video Tribute visit www.boucherfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & Gloucester County Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Betty-Jane Purnell*



Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service - November 16, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ *Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & Gloucester County Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty-Jane Purnell*



Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service - November 16, 2022 at 09:52 AM



“ *Betty-Jane Purnell*

November 27, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *What can I say about Mrs Purnell except how much I loved her! She was a family friend from way back when my dad worked with her husband on the Railroad! I loved to talk with her on the phone. She was always positive, sweet, happy, caring, and funny. She was a hard working lady who loved her family! Now it is her turn to rest. Betty you have earned your crown and have walked straight into heaven. May you always RIP in Gods everlasting arms. xo*

Susan Hancock - November 18, 2022 at 06:04 PM

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“ I remember first meeting GMom when I was around 10. She lived in the house with Poppop Purnell when they were taking care of her Mother, Edith Bunker (I really got a kick out of learning her name). I remember the house being filled with train memorabilia and clowns and filled with such happiness.

Gmom quickly "adopted" me as her grandson and I will forever be grateful to be a part of her life. She was so always so selfless with her love and positivity. I never felt like an outsider around her or Poppop either.

I remember the last time I saw her was at my Father's funeral service in which she stood up and gave the most honest and whipsmart eulogy of my Dad. I always wanted to thank her for that day. I feel very lucky to have known her and will always cherish her as a person and be inspired by her actions.

My love goes to her and to the entire family, Michael and Family

Michael Cinelli - November 18, 2022 at 12:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty-Jane Purnell.



November 16, 2022 at 11:37 PM

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“ Love Anne & John purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Betty-Jane Purnell.



Love Anne & John - November 16, 2022 at 11:00 AM



“ 105 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service - November 16, 2022 at 09:47 AM

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“ *Betty was a sweet lady who was a happy spirit! She enjoyed being around others and always cared about everyone. We will truly miss her! Love, PG & Kay Whyte*
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Kay - November 14, 2022 at 09:31 AM