



Elizabeth "Betsy" Hoaglin

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Betsy (Elizabeth) Louise Hoaglin

Born - Birmingham, Alabama November 19, 1945

She grew up in Clearwater, Florida

Betsy met her love of her life, Rusty, at 14 years old. He worked for Betsy's dad pumping gas at a neighborhood gas station. The love story started that day. Betsy and Rusty spent the next 51 years together and their relationship was strong. They seemed to have a bond nothing could break and always worked through the bumps in the road together. Betsy and Rusty always lived life to the fullest and their motto was "Full speed ahead!"

Betsy went to Radiology school and received her license in 1965. Her first radiology job was at Morton Plant Hospital and then transferred to the doctors office of Dr. George Morris. She worked for Dr. Morris for the next 12 years.

Betsy and Rusty had a daughter, April, in 1968. She was the joy of Betsy and Rusty's life

Rusty took up scuba diving around 1970 and joined all male dive clubs. Rusty started diving weekends with the boys. Not to be left out, Betsy took up diving to be with Rusty and they bought their first of many boats in 1971. Betsy wanted to join the all men's dive club, the Clearwater Sea Salts. Not one to take no for an answer, Betsy and four other wives started the all women Sea Bunnies Dive Club in 1972 which is still going strong today. Thank you Betsy.

Betsy decided in April 1, 1980 to start her own medical staffing service. Started on a card table in her bedroom with two employees, the company quickly grew into Rad's Mobile X-Ray Services in 1982. The mobile company grew into hundreds of staffing technicians and 16 trucks' on the road.



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Betsy split the staffing and the mobile x-ray into two separate companies. She sold the staffing company in 19?? and became the President of the corporation. Rusty and April Hoaglin ran the Mobile X-ray services side of the company.

Betsy's vision of a mobile x-ray company led her in many directions. For instance, Betsy once x-rayed an elephant and was also the on-site radiologist for the Tampa Bay Bandits football team.

She never stopped helping friends in starting new businesses. Her most recent business was named Advertising Specialties which sold and created promotional products. Betsy never saw herself retired, loved to work, and was bored if she was not moving.

One of Betsy's many awards was Female Entrepreneur of the Year.

Betsy had many hobbies which included sport fishing, boating, flying, travelling, horseback riding, and spending time with family. She was known for throwing very large parties at their home including her well-known and well-attended annual stone crab party. The annual stone crab party was a reunion of all of her walks in life. It became such a popular party that some of the streets of Island Estates would be blocked from all the traffic in the neighborhood. Betsy and Rusty would have fresh stone crabs flown in from the Bahamas and they were the best! Anyone that knew Betsy would agree that one of her favorite parts of her life was being a Ya Ya (grandma) to Riley! April, being a single parent most of Riley's life, gave Poppy (Rusty) and Ya Ya a unique relationship that Riley will cherish forever. If Riley was in it, her Ya Ya was right there beside her! The many dance recitals, modeling, sailing, camps, and even spending the day at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium to be on the movie "Dolphin Tale". Many times they took a cruise where they went diving in the Cayman Islands together. Just a few weeks ago, Ya Ya took Riley and a group of her friends to the Keys. In all of the pictures from that trip, Riley can be seen grinning from ear to ear as she was thrilled to have her Ya Ya be a part of all her friends lives. Many others called Betsy Ya Ya (which is Greek for Grandma) but Riley was and is the apple in her eye!

Betsy was and is still loved by many people. She had many titles such as wife, mother, Ya Ya, sister, aunt, cousin, employer and friend.

The world is certainly a better place because of her life. All that knew her knew she was special and she will be greatly missed! She made her mark in the community, in the business world, and all those who came in contact with her. Her humor and contagious spirit of can-do will be missed by all that knew her!




Events


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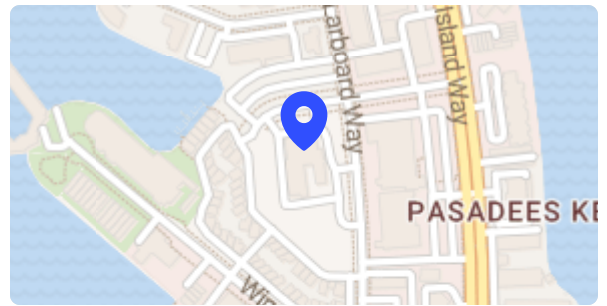
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Memorial Service

 **Tuesday**, September 16, 2014

 4:00 PM ET

 **St. Brendan Catholic Church**
245 Dory Passage, Clearwater Beach FL





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DS

Diana (Hogan) Saigo posted:

April---you may not remember me---but I am your step cousin...we came and stayed with you and the family when we came to Clearwater from Florida. My mom passed in 2011, so understand how deep the loss can feel. My sister and I would love to reconnect with you and Aunt Holly....please contact me--mrsdianasaigo@gmail.com

April 29 at 12:02 PM

CS

Carole Simpson posted:

Betsy and I are very old friends from way back in X-ray school, We worked together, and enjoyed diving with her and Rusty. I will miss her but have fond memories. RIP my friend Carole Simpson

September 14 at 4:33 AM

ED

Ellen Donahue posted:

Betsy taught me what it took and looked like to be a successful, strong, professional woman with integrity and kindness

September 13 at 4:33 AM

JS

Jeff Story posted:

Our hearts go out today to April and the entire family and friends of Betsy. Mary and I always loved her wit, humor and outlook on life. She and Rusty are missed. Jeff and Mary Story

September 12 at 6:38 AM

BL

Beth Lusnia posted:

Elizabeth will be remembered for her gracious heart. We will miss your willingness to volunteer time and talent to any cause that would benefit others. Prayers and peace be with you.

September 12 at 5:36 AM



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AW

Amy Worman posted:

Living life to the fullest. An amazing, loving, remarkable woman. Her incredibly strong bond she had with her granddaughter is what I personally saw for years while her granddaughter attended the same school as my children. A service-oriented woman...constantly on the go and always helping others. I saw this and knew this about her, without even having a close relationship with her. At the drop of a hat, she was there to help and provide. Heaven has received an Angel who truly served her God and made a huge impact on this earth. Rest in peace, Betsy. Praying for April and Riley during your time of mourning.

September 12 at 4:22 AM

DM

Debbie Moore posted:

April, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. So many of my favorite childhood memories were from growing up with you. I remember the beautiful aquarium when you entered your house, the shark painted in the pool and everyone jumping off the roof into the pool. (not me of course, too chicken) and I can't forget the trip we made to Valdosta all by ourselves. I can't believe my parents let me go. LOL. Your parents were so sweet and welcoming, I always felt like family. I am sorry we lost touch over the years, but my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this difficult time. Debbie Moore (Velong)

September 12 at 3:29 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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