



Elizabeth H Wickman McGraw Perkins

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Elizabeth Wickman McGraw Perkins , aged 98, of Clearwater passed away peacefully at her home on June 24, 2016. She was born in Winnetka, Illinois and moved to Clearwater , Florida in 1943. Betty had numerous accomplishments throughout her long life. In 1940 she obtained her private pilot's license and was a 2nd Lt. of the Civil Air Patrol of Birmingham, MI. She was very devout in her religion, and was member of the Church of Ascension and Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church. Elizabeth earned a B.S. in Psychology from Northwestern University and went on to be a co-owner of Gulf Coast Motor Line and Clearwater Transit.

Betty was also involved in many civic groups and organizations sitting on various boards and committee's such as : The Elks, Clearwater Concert Association, YWCA, and YMCA, Casado, Abilities Guild, Clearwater Yacht Club, Old Clearwater Neighborhood Association, Clearwater Chamber of Commerce, Aviation Committee Chairman, Marin Committee Chairman, Florida Blood Services, Ninety-Nine's, AOPA, Grasshoppers, Powder Puff Derby, Silver Wings, and Power Squadron. She went on to achieve many accomplishments such as; Red Cross Safety Instructor and Boating Instructor, she taught in the city recreation program and the Marine Scouts. Betty was also a Charter member of the Ft. Harrison Questers, Donald Roebling Society, Clearwater Historical Society, Windjammers, Windlasses, Scout Eagle pact – Funded life, and a life member of Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Betty travelled the world, sailing in Greece, Hawaii, Italy, Mediterranean, Ukraine and Russia. She was a member of the Rotary since 1989 with twenty years of perfect attendance. She attended international conventions in Australia, Orlando, Mexico, Calgary, Nice, Texas and Switzerland. She was a member of the Fellowship of Flying Rotarians and Yachting Rotarians. A member of Dunedin's Fine Art Center and helped establish Wickman Library, containing a collection of books of the sea.



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She also owned the Clearwater/Tarpon Springs KOA RV campground for 40 years. She is predeceased by her first husband Carl Robert Wickman from 1941-1960, second husband Riley McGraw from 1964-1977, third husband Dave Perkins from 1989 to 2010.

Survivors include sons, Carl Victor Wickman(Sylvia), and Robin Leif Wickman(Janet) ; grandchildren, Eric Wickman, Walt Wickman(Jane), Kristin Dawson(Chris), Leann Mosher(John), Windy Wickman(Jose Borrego); great grandchildren, Carly Wickman, Katie Wickman, Ginger Wickman, Wyatt Wickman, Mady Mosher, Jack Brady Mosher, Randi Dawson, Dayne Dawson, Cody Dawson, Stella Borrego, Zachary Borrego and Robert Borrego.

She will be missed by all who knew her. A service is planned for Saturday July 9th at 1:30pm at the Church Of Ascension, 701 Orange Avenue, Clearwater, Florida. For online condolences please visit www.mossfeasterclearwater.com




Events


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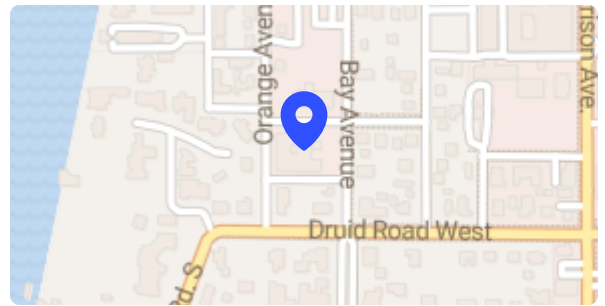
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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, July 9, 2016

 1:30 PM ET

 **Church of the Ascension**
701 Orange Avenue, Clearwater FL 33756





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Madonn Campion, Former Belleair Rotary posted:

I am truly sorry that I was unable to attend Betty's funeral, my thoughts and prayers were with her family members. I am sure her life was well celebrated and duly honored throughout her funeral service. She was a one-of-a-kind and they broke the mold after her. I feel truly blessed to have known Betty. She is on the Stairway to Heaven!Madonna Campion

July 10 at 9:20 AM



Dave & Maryhelen posted:

Betty always brightened my day when I saw her. She was spirited and witty and we always enjoyed speaking with her. She will be missed. Our condolences go out to her family.

July 7 at 4:00 AM



Clyde Hobby posted:

Vic, my condolences to you and your family.Clyde Hobby

July 5 at 9:04 AM



Dee Bucklew posted:

Betty was a mentor to those of us who grew up in Clearwater. She taught us how to tie knots, sail, and many life lessons from field trips and campouts through Mariner Scouts.And, who can forget her blue convertible.With fondest memories,Dee Brown Bucklew

July 5 at 3:59 AM



Bette Goessling lit a candle in honor of Elizabeth H.



July 4 at 6:28 PM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the McGraw Perkins family.



July 2 at 5:12 PM



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RW

Rob Word shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

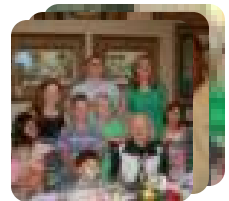
Taken at a Sunday dinner at CYC June 2016. We used to have dinner together when I come in on my bi-monthly visits to Mom. Betty and my Mom, Peggy Word, met in 1944 in Clearwater. Dad had already met Betty at the Clearwater Air Park. Both Betty and Mom were pregnant at the time and became lifelong friends. She always brought smiles to everyone. She's flying high now.



June 30 at 1:46 PM

KR

Kristin shared an album called **New Album Name**.



June 30 at 4:21 AM

FL

Frank De Lucia posted:

It is with great fondness and admiration that we bid farewell to Betty McGraw Perkins, a founding and nurturing member of the Abilities Guild. A true pioneer in many respects, Betty was an accomplished sailor, avid airplane pilot, world traveler, and Clearwater community activist and philanthropist. She was among a group of prominent women invited by Ollie Full Hamm in 1979 to the home of Ruth Eckerd. Along with Ollie, Rosalie Jenkins, Charlotte Snyder, Jeanne Shepard, Ellen Snibbe, Nell Lokey, and others, Betty (shown at top right) helped form the Abilities Guild—a women's auxiliary that just celebrated its 35th anniversary. Throughout each of those years, Betty was a staunch supporter Abilities, Inc. of Florida, known today as ServiceSource Florida—volunteering, sponsoring events, hosting functions, and lending valuable leadership and guidance that helped us improve the lives and families of Floridians and veterans with disabilities. Betty McGraw Perkins was an original whose spirit and love of family and life will be sorely missed. On behalf of the Guild, she was a great friend to many of us and an even greater friend to the Clearwater charitable community. A funeral service will be held at 1:30 pm, Saturday, July 9, 2016 at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 701 Orange Avenue, Clearwater FL, 33756. Frank DeLucia Program Development Executive ServiceSource Florida

June 29 at 7:29 AM

NC

Nancy Currey posted:

I've known Betty since my family moved to Sunset Dr in 1949, I baby sat Vic and Robin although I was just in CJHS!. I've enjoyed her delightful personality and many wonderful stories all these years. Betty was so proud of her wonderful family. She will be sorely missed. Nancy Currey

June 28 at 11:53 AM



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Wendy Sanders posted:

Betty lit up every room she was in. She was ALWAYS happy to say hello and her strength, kindness and thirst for life was truly an inspiration. She will be greatly missed. Sending love to her family and all that knew this amazing woman.

June 28 at 4:12 AM



Bette Goessling July 4 at 6:25 PM

I'm honored to have known this amazing woman, and will cherish the memories of our conversations together. My condolences to her beautiful family. Bette Goessling



Norma Meriwether posted:

Betty was such a delightful person always perky and glad to see you!! I have happy memories knowing her in Questers and Casado. Everyone will miss her. Hopefully the thoughts and prayers of friends will be a comfort to family.

June 27 at 12:30 PM



Mary Lou Spoto June 27 at 5:26 PM

Betty was such an incredible lady! I met her in the early 80s at the Clearwater Yacht Club and I was fascinated right away with all of the many things she was doing. She had so many talents with her sailing and flying her planes, just to name a few. I could listen to her experiences and stories anytime she wanted to tell them. What a great life she had. I am truly honored to have been her friend and she will be terribly missed by so many who knew and loved her. Mary Lou Spoto



Linda Hamilton posted:

Betty was a great friend and supporter of the Dunedin Fine Art Center and she will be greatly missed. We will always be grateful for her library in our Founders Hall, used every day by visitors, tourists, students, staff, faculty and our young members visiting the David L. Mason Children's Art Museum or our summer Art Academy Kid's Camp. We loved having Betty attend our events, her sense of humor and graciousness warmed everyone she met, and, her stories about flying and sailing kept us smiling. We have lost a beautiful lady and champion of the arts. Our sincerest condolences and prayers are sent to her family and friends. Sincere sympathy from all of us at Dunedin Fine Art Center. George Ann Bissett, President & CEO

June 27 at 9:48 AM



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Tom Clarise posted:

I'll always remember Betty from Rotary. We had many similar interests and I always got a kiss from her. She will be sorely missed. Tom Clarisse

June 27 at 7:00 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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