



## Betty Joan Cope

November 15, 1937 - December 3, 2021

Betty Joan Cope went to “dance with Jesus” on December 3, 2021, a couple short weeks after celebrating her 84th birthday with family and friends.

Although we are heartbroken, we know that she was welcomed with open arms into heaven. We now have a beautiful guardian angel watching over us.

Betty was born in Somerdale, NJ but spent most of her life in Lester, PA Delaware County. She graduated from Ridley Park High School, she married and worked in sales for a variety of companies. She was a people person and loved helping others. She retired from Belk and moved back to Delaware to be with her family.

Betty was the oldest living matriarch. She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Ethel Leary, along with her siblings: Rhoda J. Leary (sister), Raymond, Lewis, and John Leary (brothers); Bonnie J. Evans (niece), Paul Meinhart (nephew).

She will be greatly missed by her daughter, Joan Winnington, who lost her best friend. Betty and Joan chatted every day, spent oodles of time together making memories and sharing laughter and she especially loved her dinner & “game” nights. Her favorite place to shop was Boscov’s and we would tease her “have you Boscov’d today?”. Her stubbornness and feistiness served her well as she came back from many health “scares” including being on hospice 8 years ago. She was blessed to have lived a full life and was beloved by so many.

She fought hard for her independence and her ability to stay active in the lives

of her grandchildren: Gregg Winnington (Sarah), Shannon Winnington, Joey Manko, Jason Manko, Lewis Schreiber, Sirena Schreiber, Mandy Brewer (Billy), Ryan Rash, Amy Rash and Gabriel Linke. She truly lived for her grandkids and loved spending time with them. If there was an event happening with one of the grandchildren, she was usually in attendance as their biggest cheerleader!

She is survived by her sons: Robert Manko (Teresa) and Harry Manko Jr. (Amy), Rod Cope (Joan); & daughters: Joan Winnington, Joyce Manko, Sue Carroll (Randy), and Sandy Lancianese. She is also survived by her “surrogate daughters” Donna Linke (Robert) and Heather Rash (Bryan); as well as her other two “favorite” kids Chase Wall and Cassey Megahan. She will be remembered with love by her nieces and their children: Melodie McKenna; Diane Hoover (Don); Melodie Dunn, Denise Gutierrez (Tony); Don Hoover, Jr (Crystal); Dustin Hoover; Alexis McKenna, Misty Griffith (Josh), Paul J. Meinhart III, Britta Keegan, Ray Keegan (Monica), and Michael Keegan. She loved her family and was well loved in return.

A “Celebration of Life” will be held on December 13, 2021, at Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Road, Newark, DE 19702. Family and friends are invited to a viewing from 10 -11 AM with a service starting at 11 AM. Interment will be immediately following at Lawncroft Cemetery in Linwood, PA.

To honor Betty’s memory, memorial contributions can be made to Troubadour Ministry as she had a heart for Veterans. Troubadour serves veterans who need care as they transition from government housing to permanent housing. Donations can be made through their website: <https://troubadourministry.org> or mail a check to PO Box 13201, Wilmington, DE 19850.

Betty’s family hopes you will remember her beautiful, infectious smile and her laughter along with her kind heart. She was always eager to help others whenever she could. She had a servant’s heart that she modeled to all.

For directions or to send an online condolence visit [www.stranofeeley.com](http://www.stranofeeley.com)

Strano & Feeley

Family Funeral Home

302-731-5459

# Cemetery Details

## Lawn Croft Cemetery

1000 West Ridge Road  
Linwood, PA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home  
635 Churchmans Rd  
Newark, DE 19702  
(302) 731-5459  
info@stranofeeley.com

## Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *To the family, we are sorry to hear of mom's loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Harry and Amy Manko JR*

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**Harry Manko** - December 19, 2021 at 03:05 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betty Joan Cope.*



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December 11, 2021 at 04:02 PM



“ *Bryan, Heather, Ryan, & Amy lit a candle in memory of Betty Joan Cope*



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**Bryan, Heather, Ryan, & Amy** - December 11, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Betty Joan Cope.*



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December 10, 2021 at 09:49 PM

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“ *My condolences to Joan and family. Betty will be missed by so many. She was a great stepmom and friend. Love you.*



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**Sandy Lancianese** - December 09, 2021 at 11:17 PM