



Bettyjean Poole

March 8, 1932 - July 27, 2022

Bettyjean Poole of Athens, NY went home to the loving arms of our Lord and Savior on

July 27, 2022.

She was born on March 8, 1932 in Catskill, NY to Dora and Percy Sterritt.

She is survived by her devoted husband Alton, son Mitchell (Nancy Moretti), daughter Sheila

and beloved grandson Andrew. She is also survived by her sister Jane Loveland of Arizona,

brother Richard of Florida, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and cherished friends.

Besides her parents, she is predeceased by her brothers Jerome and Chuck Sterritt, and niece Jennifer Sterritt Smith, as well as numerous members of the Poole family.

Bettyjean was a talented and generous soul, baking special occasion cakes, sewing

dance costumes and wedding gowns, crocheting, tatting, painting, drawing and

practicing calligraphy. She also enjoyed singing in numerous churches and choirs. Her

artistic talents knew no bounds.

She was the Village of Athens historian for over 50 years, passing her love of history

and knowledge of Athens to all who asked. Recognized by the American Red Cross for

teaching tens of thousands children and adults how to swim, as well as certifying

lifeguards for 40 years through Greene County.

Throughout her 90 years, she also enjoyed teaching roller skating, leading her daughters Girl Scout and 4-H Clubs and being the team's top fan and party hostess for

her son's sports groups.

She is past member of the Athens Fire Depart. Auxiliary, Athens Street Festival and

Bicentennial Committees. In later years she enjoyed attending classic car shows and

cruise-in's with her husband. Perhaps most of all she will be remembered for the 600 red candy apples that she made every Halloween and being "that Mom" who always had a spare hug to give to any child that needed one.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend calling hours at The Athens Federated Church, 18 North Franklin Street, Athens, N.Y., 12015, on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, from 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon, with funeral services at 12:00 Noon at the church.

Interment will follow in the family plot of the New Athens Rural Cemetery, Athens, N.Y

Donations may be made to The Community Hospice of Columbia and Greene Counties, 47 Liberty Street, Catskill, N.Y. 12414 or the Athens, NY charity/community fund of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home, 28 North Vernon Street, Athens, New York, 12015.

The family would like to express our heartfelt thanks to The Community Hospice staff

and volunteers for providing the utmost in compassionate care to Bettyjean

throughout
her illness.

Condolences may be made at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Cemetery Details

New Athens Rural Cemetery

Olivette Drive
Athens, NY 12015

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Athens Federated Church
18 North Franklin Street
Athens , NY 12015

Service

AUG 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

The Athens Federated Church
18 North Franklin Street
Athens , NY 12015

Tribute Wall

AS

“ No more using someone. Admit heinous acts espionage wiretapping stalking crimes and treason in Athens, NYS since 1966 all about my mother 1956 Scotland and me and Elvis Presley too and my child, my life and the lives of many. Criminals destroy and control everything. 1966 ♀♂ 🇺🇸 Sterritts, Scotts, McGifferts, Steeles. Poor us poor undairness, USA Presidents, politicians, stars. Taking things that is not yours. Movies, songwriting. Property. Lies, using us like a persecuted at war and white slavery children. Stories taken, persuasions. Cons. Impersonations. Politics.



Angela Unluckiest Sterritt - July 19, 2024 at 03:26 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathies goes out to Betty's family and friends. She was such an amazing woman. She was an assett to our community. I wS one of those thousands of children that learned to swim in her program later becoming a teacher teaching the younger ones to swim. Her sole may be gone but that amazing woman will never be forgotten. Rest easy Bettyjean your memories will live on!

Missy Fitzpatrick - August 18, 2022 at 08:32 AM

BN

“ Most of all thank you to the "Commies" and I know you are there. Allowing my aunt to have a nice normal life in New York for 90 years to laugh.



Birth Names - August 06, 2022 at 05:38 PM

RR

“ Robert Robinson lit a candle in memory of Bettyjean Poole



Robert Robinson - August 02, 2022 at 12:09 PM

LF

“ We were so saddened to hear of Bettyjean's passing! Meeting her, and her family was one of the highlights of our association with the antique car lovers association that we love to frequent! Bettyjean was one person one could never forget once you've met her.. style and grace define her to a tee, and we will never forget her! Our condolences to her loving husband Al, and her family, may she rest in peace!!

Lamont and Maureen DePew & family - August 02, 2022 at 09:58 AM

SG

“ Sheila. . . your mom sounds like she was one impressive lady at 90 years young! From one Sheila to another, I am sending my sincere condolences to you and your family as you say good-bye for now to your mom. She put her time in . . .may she Rest In Peace forever in your hearts and memories!
Sincerely, Sheila Gould

Sheila Gould - August 01, 2022 at 07:46 PM

KS

“ *Karen Schubert lit a candle in memory of Bettyjean Poole*



Karen Schubert - August 01, 2022 at 06:42 PM

KS

“ *My sincere sympathy to Betty jeans family and friends! She was a special asset to our Athens community!*

Karen Schubert - August 01, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ *Ann Quinlan-Colwell purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Bettyjean Poole.*



Ann Quinlan-Colwell - August 01, 2022 at 09:58 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bettyjean Poole.*



August 01, 2022 at 08:17 AM

SP

“ 6 files added to the album *BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES*



Sheila Poole - August 01, 2022 at 06:58 AM

SP

Their wedding day was actually 6/16/1957 ❤️

Sheila Poole - August 01, 2022 at 06:59 PM

TB

“ *Condolences to Al, Mitch, Sheila and Andrew. A true Athens icon. Her dedication to many groups and causes in town made her a friend to all who were lucky enough to know her. Tom and Claudia Bruno*

Tom Bruno - August 01, 2022 at 06:22 AM



“ I have many fond memories of Betty Jean. She was one of the kindest, sweetest, generous people you could every want to know. Betty Jean was ready to lend a helping hand wherever needed. If it wasn't for people like Betty Jean, there would be no Athens Swimming Pool. Betty Jean was very helpful in raising thousands of dollars toward the construction of the Athens Pool in the many 20-20 clubs we ran. My condolences to Al and his entire family. She will be missed.

Ann & Clancy Colwell, Wilmington, NC

Ann Quinlan-Colwell - July 31, 2022 at 05:27 PM

MB

“ So many childhood memories of those candy apples and swim lessons at the Athens pool. Even more memories added when she taught my daughter to swim as well. Condolences to the Poole family. You were truly blessed.

M Borsuk

M Borsuk - July 30, 2022 at 10:31 PM

JA

“ So sorry for your loss! Bet the mean had a beautiful voice. Loved to hear out Church hymns! Rest in peace. Love, Janice Myers

JaniceMyers - July 30, 2022 at 04:27 PM

FH

“ Our Heartfelt Condolences to Al, Mitchell, Sheila and all the Family of Bettyjean 🙏 May Bettyjean be Received with open arms for her Eternal Dwelling with God 🙏❤️🙏

Fred & Debra Hommel - July 30, 2022 at 01:45 PM

EL

“ My deepest sympathies to the family, I have many fond memories of Bettyjean teaching the Red Cross swimming lessons. I learned much from her. May Bettyjean Rest In Peace with our Lord. Love and prayers Al, Sheila, Mitchell. Erika

Erika Lavissiere - July 30, 2022 at 01:35 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bettyjean Poole.



July 30, 2022 at 01:26 PM

DA

“ Many thoughts and prayers to Mitch and the entire Poole family. Tammy & Dave Albright.

David Albright - July 30, 2022 at 10:05 AM

JB

“ Condolences to the Poole family from Judy Bell and the Marshall Racing Fan club.

Judy Bell - July 30, 2022 at 10:04 AM

TM

“ I never had the privilege of knowing Mrs Poole, however, I had the privilege of working with Sheila. It seems to me that often one can get to know the essence of a person not only by the life they lived, but also by their children.

My condolences to you and your family Sheila.

Tom Monjeau

tom Monjeau - July 30, 2022 at 09:34 AM

LM

“ *BETTYJEAN Poole will always b remembered for her love of people....she will b missed...*

Linda multare - July 30, 2022 at 09:18 AM

SS

“ *Sandy Sterritt purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Bettyjean Poole.*



Sandy Sterritt - July 30, 2022 at 08:21 AM

RC

“ *The Betty Jean I knew cared deeply for all. From Halloween apples for kids to cross stitch crosses that comforted patients going into surgery as well as women who were victims of domestic violence. Betty Jean made hundreds of those crosses. Her generosity and her faith knew no bounds.*

May the Holy Spirit comfort you in your loss, knowing that she is still rooting for all of us. Rev. Anne and Dan Curtin

Rev. Anne Curtin - July 30, 2022 at 08:09 AM

CD

“ Bettyjean is the definition of MOM. She was love, kindness, strength, patience, Christian, very knowledgeable, and more. She shared her wisdom which I found unending. Everyone was welcome, her door was always open, as was her heart and mind. Historian doesn't touch her knowledge and willingness to share. I am blessed for the times we spent together. She lives on in my heart and memories. Love and peace. My sympathies to her husband, children, and cat. She is missed already.

Cousin Deb - July 30, 2022 at 06:51 AM

CS

“ Deepest sympathy to the Poole family. Mrs. Poole taught me to swim, was my girls our leader and the mother of my friend Shelia.

Cara Serazio - July 29, 2022 at 11:02 PM

AS

“ May the memories carry you strong as the days pass into years. Mrs. Poole was the sweetest, kindest, most generous woman I've ever come across. My condolences to her entire family.
Alice Sharp, Spencertown, NY

Alice Sharp - July 29, 2022 at 08:02 PM


Richard
Darling

“ My deepest sympathies to the Poole family on the passing of Betty Jean. She was a good and kind person who gave unselfishly for the benefit of her community.
Richard Darling
Milfor, New Hampshire

Richard Darling - July 29, 2022 at 02:43 PM

WC

“ A great lady who gave her full heart in everything she touched. Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends who will miss her loving presence.

Wendi (Tompkins) & Mike Carroll



Wendi Carroll - July 29, 2022 at 01:36 PM



“ 1 file added to the album THE AMERICAN RED CROSS LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM MEMORIES



Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - July 29, 2022 at 09:49 AM



“ 2 files added to the album FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY MEMORIES



Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - July 29, 2022 at 09:48 AM

PJ

“ Paul R. Seney, Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Bettyjean Poole



Paul R. Seney, Jr. - July 29, 2022 at 09:14 AM

PJ

The Entire Staff of Richards Funeral Home of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc., Cairo and Athens, N.Y. sends its deepest condolences to the Family of BettyJean Poole at this most difficult time. May the beautiful memories of Your Loved One bring you peace. Thinking of you all.

Paul R. Seney, Jr. - July 29, 2022 at 09:19 AM



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Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - July 29, 2022 at 09:13 AM