



Betty O'Brien Fowler Risk

September 11, 1929 - September 27, 2020

Betty O'Brien Fowler Risk, 91 years old, of Sharon Towers and formerly McGinn's Trace Court in Charlotte, loving wife, mother and grandmother, went to her Heavenly Home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on September 27, 2020. Born in Chicago on September 11, 1929 she was the only daughter of Frank Joseph and Ora Lee O'Brien.

Nearly 50-year residents of Virginia Beach, Betty alongside her late husband, Lt. Commander Ellwood T. Risk, Jr., retired from their second careers running their Bayshore Enterprises, Inc. business and moved to Charlotte in 2003.

Betty having previously worked as the senior Executive Assistant for the Christian Broadcasting Network's Counseling Center (led by Pat Robertson of CBN), also served on the boards of: Choose Life Now, Virginia Beach Crisis Pregnancy Center, Bethany International, SPCA (Society for Prevention and Cruelty to Animals), and Judeo-Christian Outreach Center (working with under-privileged children). Betty was a former recipient of the CBN President's award bestowed by Pat Robertson. She was a member of Kempsville Presbyterian Church, long volunteered with The Princess Anne Woman's Club of Virginia Beach, Thalia Garden Club, Virginia Beach Audubon Society and actively worked with needy adults teaching English as a second language. She faithfully did prison, food, and home visitation service, and worked with at-risk children locally and through World Vision. Her life was one fully devoted to loving service and always giving to others. Further, as an exemplary mother, her caring heart was in constant loving motion fully devoted to

supporting her children with church, academic, sporting, scouting, and outreach service activities.

Betty and Woody joined Calvary Church after relocating to Charlotte and were engaged in Prison Ministry, Martha Ministry and Senior Adult Ministry. She will be remembered for her love of all creatures (particularly birds) and flowers and gardening; but Betty will be mostly remembered for her loving gift of thoughtfully giving Jesus' love and joy to countless others.

As our Lord's faithful servant, Betty was truly happiest when she was doing for her family or helping friends and strangers in need. She was predeceased by her husband of 30 years, Woody Risk, and her first husband John Fowler.

Surviving are her sons: John Randolph Fowler (wife Emily), of Greenville, SC, James Ronald Fowler, of York, PA, and William Craig Fowler MD (wife Dr. Amy), of Cary, NC; Granddaughters: Chelsea, Kiah and Tara Fowler; Stepsons: Ellwood Thomas Risk, III, of Los Angeles, CA, and Stephen Matthew Risk (wife Kelly, children Cole and Ava), of Norfolk, VA.

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation for the love, support, and kindness extended to Betty from her dear friends Gwen Carreras-Harris, Claudia & Traian Ciuca, and the kind staff of Calvary Church and her fellow co-members as she persevered through her recent years of declining health. A Celebration of Life for Betty will take place on Saturday, October 10th, 3pm, at the Calvary Church Chapel, 5801 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte, NC 28226 with the burial following at Calvary's Magnolia Memorial Gardens. A Zoom Link for her service will be available at www.LoweNeddoFuneralHome.com. Memorial donations may be made to Calvary Church to the address listed above. Please visit the Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home website to share memories and pictures as well as viewing Betty's service via Zoom on Saturday.

To view the services on Zoom, please visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89006589047>

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Memorial Gardens

5801 Pineville–Matthews Road
Charlotte, NC 28226
http://www.calvarychurch.com/site/18_150_112.cfm

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **10**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Church
5801 Pineville-Matthews Road
Charlotte, NC 28226
info@calvarychurch.com
<http://www.calvarychurch.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty O'Brien Fowler Risk*



Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - October 04, 2020 at 02:05 PM



“ *Betty O'Brien Fowler Risk*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Betty O'Brien Fowler Risk*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about your Mom's death. I remember her love of nature, family, friends and neighbors. I know you have many memories from Lynn Shores. You are in my prayers, Susan Hodges*

Susan Hodges - October 22, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ I cherish the memory of your Mom. She was one of the assortment of neighborhood "Moms" that took such good care of us as we roamed Lynn Shores. Your Mom was SO welcoming and sweet to the "gang". Yours was a "go to" house due, I'm sure, to her uncompromising love for her guys. It's people like her that made our childhood so idyllic. She was straight out of a Norman Rockwell and I loved her so much.

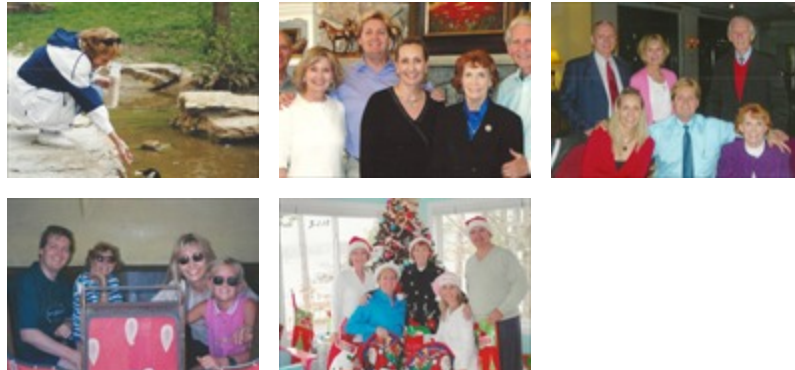
Your friend forever,

Jeff Leonard

Jeff Leonard - October 10, 2020 at 12:36 PM



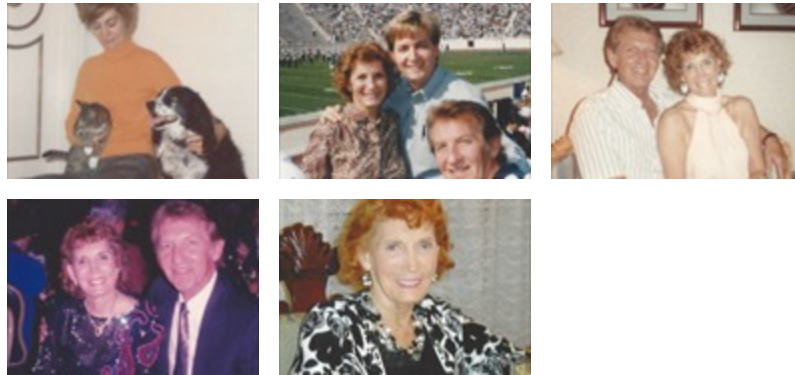
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Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - October 09, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ Helen and Scott Vanvick purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Betty O'Brien Fowler Risk.



Helen and Scott Vanvick - October 07, 2020 at 08:42 AM

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“ Woody purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Betty O'Brien Fowler Risk.



Woody - October 06, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Betty O'Brien Fowler Risk.



October 02, 2020 at 09:58 PM