



## Bettie Jayne Heycock

August 2, 1925 - September 22, 2020

Bettie Jayne Heycock was called to rest after 95 years of gracious, kind, and loving time, giving selflessly to all who knew her. Final good-byes were said while surrounded by family and friends on September 22, 2020.

Bettie was born in Lemoyne, Pennsylvania on August 2, 1925 in a house built by her grandfather. She was the 2nd daughter born to Pauline and William Urell Hamacher. Bettie's older sister, Louise Falcon, preceded her in death.

Bettie grew up in Lemoyne, where she graduated from Lemoyne High School and was a lifetime member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Bettie was very involved in musical undertakings both in school and at Trinity, excelling as a soloist and at playing the piano as an accompanist. As time went on, Bettie received additional professional vocal training. A talent which she employed to enrich musical performances at local churches and weekly worship services at Trinity. Bettie's singing career was mostly for the benefit of those around her and for her church. Bettie greatly enjoyed pleasing others through songs and hymns, which she continued to do well into her nineties.

Bettie was employed for the majority of her life; taking time off only to be a homemaker, mother, and wife until her children were all enrolled in school. Bettie worked as a secretary to Senator George Wade before her marriage to John "Jack" Heycock, also of Lemoyne. The couple had 3 children, John L., Leisa J. and Jay R., all of whom were with her on her final day.

Bettie's other jobs were mainly in the business profession. She served as the assistant to the president of Greenray Industries in Mechanicsburg, professional secretary at Carlisle Syntec, and spent her final 11 career years working in administration for the foster care program of Diakon Social Services. During her career Bettie received several awards and recognition as an outstanding woman of achievement in the professional business world. During her golden years, while no longer employed professionally, Bettie volunteered her time as a docent, or tour guide, at the Pennsylvania Governor's Residence. (Those who knew Bettie secretly believed that she probably provided unsolicited advice to a number of past governors while doing her stint at the Front Street Mansion.)

But the crowning achievement of Bettie's life was always her commitment to raising her family and caring for others. Bettie's two great loves were her children and her church. Up

until her final days, Bettie was actively involved with both. Bettie was always in attendance at her children's activities throughout their school and college years. She supported their efforts and achievements-including graduations, weddings, baptisms, and other professional happenings. Bettie was never too busy to provide help or advice to any of her children or grandchildren.

Bettie supported her church in the same fashion, serving on church council, the Music and Worship committee, helping organize services and special events, and generally being involved in whatever facet of the life of Trinity Lutheran needed attention. Bettie's involvement with her church was a typical extension of her loving and giving nature. So many have benefited from Bettie's stewardship to Trinity Lutheran of Lemoyne.

Bettie lived a full and rich life throughout her 95 years. She was truly a role model for all who knew her-outspoken, generous, and loving with a unique and infectious sense of humor.

Bettie is survived by her children and their families—son John “Lee” Heycock (wife Lisa), grandson the Reverend Ryan R. Heycock, daughter Leisa Campbell, grandson Peter Ryan (wife Alexcys), great-grandson Pete Ryan Jr (RePete), son Jay R. Heycock and grandson Eddie Heycock.

A funeral service for Bettie is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 10:00 AM at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran, 509 Hummel Ave., Lemoyne, PA, with Pastor David Schreffler presiding. A Facebook Live stream will also be available on the Church's Facebook page at the start of the service. Committal will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery, New Cumberland, PA immediately following the service. A period of fellowship will follow at Trinity for all who wish to celebrate Bettie's legacy. Please follow all CDC guidelines of wearing a mask and practicing social distancing.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church would be gratefully accepted. Musselman Funeral Home is Honored to Serve The Heycock Family, 324 Hummel Ave, Lemoyne, PA 17043.

# Cemetery

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## **Mt. Olivet**

198 Old York Rd  
New Cumberland, PA, 17070

# Events

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**SEP** **Memorial Service** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Address, Lemoyne, PA, US, 17043

# Comments

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“ Just found out this evening that Bettie was called home to our Lord. So Sorry I was not aware as I would have been there for the service.

I first met Bettie when she hired me to be her assistant at Greenray industries, I always enjoyed working for her and made a dear friend at the same time. I was single and she (unknowing to me) was working behind the scenes to be a match-maker. Advising quietly. She sang at our wedding and also helped with plans.

At the evening before the big day we were at practice. As she was singing Ave Maria, the lights all went off. Without missing a beat you kept singing and sang "Who turned out the lights." kept the tune going.

She would remember that and reminded me of it when we saw each other.

When I look back on those beginning years I think fondly of how much I owe to Bettie, my friend.

Kathy Griffith

**Kathryn Griffith** - October 15, 2020 at 11:01 PM

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“ I will miss Miss Bettie, as I always called her. Such a fitting name for a woman with such class and grace. I worked with Miss Bettie at TresslerCare , and despite being one of the youngest in the office, Miss Bettie always made me feel valued, respected and included. I am honored to have been able to continue that friendship with Miss Bettie far past our years at TresslerCare.

There are so many things I admired about Miss Bettie - her commitment to her family, her church and her volunteer work among a few. I loved hearing her opinions on whomever was in the Governor's mansion and she always had good back up for why she felt as she did. She was a good listener, a logical thinker and steadfast in her beliefs. Despite some health challenges, she never seemed to feel sorry for herself, and always fought to go back to her active self.

She was an inspiration to me. I can only hope to stay as sharp and active as she did so late in life. There was nothing about Miss Bettie that gave away her age as she always seemed much younger than she was. She had a life well lived and she loved her family and friends to the fullest. I am grateful for the years of friendship we shared.

**Cindy Garfinkel** - October 01, 2020 at 01:35 PM

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“ Thinking of you and your family and hoping that the fond memories of your mother will bring a bright spot to your heart during this difficult time.  
-Dianne Martin

**Dianne Martin** - September 27, 2020 at 05:24 PM

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“ Brian and Becky Hoch purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bettie Jayne Heycock.



**Brian Hoch** - September 26, 2020 at 11:10 PM

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“ I had the privilege of meeting Bettie while working at Tressler/Diakon. She was one of the most gracious, toughest ladies I have ever met. I am so thankful to have been able to get to know her and remain in contact with her over 20 years. I will truly miss her. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. Until we meet again Bettie...

**Tiffany Zimmerman** - September 26, 2020 at 08:07 AM

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“ I met Bettie while working at TresslerCare. She was always helpful, kind, loved her family and always prepared. She was well respected by many at TresslerCare. She helped out with the Refugee Services, Wilderness programs, and was always there to lend a hand, an ear or whatever was needed. She helped out with her church and the refugees also through her church. She was always giving and doing for others. She will be missed. I could always count on Bettie to call me after she got my Christmas Card. It was our way of staying in touch and this would lead to a long chat and then a visit. This year will be no phone call but she will always be in my thoughts. Prayers and thoughts to all her family and friends.

**Linda Cornell** - September 25, 2020 at 03:09 PM

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“ It is with much sadness, yet great peace, I grieve the loss of my friend, Bettie Heycock. I worked with Bettie at Tressler/Diakon for 12 years and came to know and appreciate her deeply. Our friendship continued on, even though our employments and life journeys changed.

Bettie made me laugh with her good stories and witty humor. She had lots of life events to share along with keen insight and advice. She was a diligent worker, a faithful employee, one that any office would have been proud to have as part of their team. Bettie presented herself with elegance and dignity, she knew how to dress, and always looked good and well groomed. She was a lady of class.

Bettie was multi talented. She knew music and loved to sing, she took an active role of leadership in her beloved church, she adored her amazing children and maintained an active involvement in their lives. She knew how to manage an office and oversee details. Bettie could be trusted and was always dependable.

Life brought many personal challenges for Bettie over the years, but she met all of these head-on, and with great resilience. Perhaps it was her struggles and challenges that made her so real and genuine. It was through her wisdom of experience, her pain of loss and disappointments that she was able to love all of us and became our encouragement, our support and our “team cheerleader”.

Her faith in God challenged me. She was sure of her beliefs, she held strongly to them, she lived her faith, and practiced them in her daily life. There is no doubt in my mind that it was that same faith that carried her into the presence of the God she loved.

Bettie Heycock is one of those people in life, that if you are so fortunate to have met, will continue to live on in your memory and inspire you to be a better person than you ever thought you could be. Thank you Bettie, for all you have given to us.

**Nina Poe** - September 25, 2020 at 10:25 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Bettie's album



leisa Campbell - September 24, 2020 at 09:52 PM

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“ We will miss seeing you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Drs. Red, Frey, Geister, Juracka and Staff  
Dental Health of Silver Spring

Sherry - September 24, 2020 at 10:55 AM

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“ I worked with Bettie at Tressler/Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries. Betty was truly a very special person and one that was greatly admired. She will be missed but I know she will accomplish great things in heaven as well.

Dawna Trump - September 24, 2020 at 08:53 AM

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“ For more than 20 years I was blessed to have worked with many wonderful people at Tressler Lutheran Services as we established a number of services for children and families  
.I cannot help but smile when I think of Betty. I met Betty when she came to work with us at TresslerCare. Her cheerful and uplifting manner made each day brighter for those of us privileged to have worked with her. She was always eager to serve in whatever way she could and brought a rich career of support service as well as life experience to the workplace. Betty loved her family and spoke often about her family life with a joyful emphasis on her children's many accomplishments. I am confident in saying she will be remembered fondly by all those whose lives she touched. Rest in peace Betty in God's loving arms! What a comfort that is as grief gives way to celebration for a life well lived!!

Dennis Hockensmith

dennis hockensmith - September 24, 2020 at 06:38 AM

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“ Oh my where do I start. I met Bettie back at Tressler where we work together well she was with Tressler care and I was maintenance for the building. She always gave good counsel whether it was for a spiritual emotional or family needs. I would always call her before an election to find out what her thoughts were on the candidates running at a time. Not that we would always agree but we could have a good conversation about it and I love that. She was never judge mental about how I felt about things I'm sure she was that way with all of her friends. Unfortunately I was unable to see her the last two years due to scheduling conflicts. But I always love going to Bettie's house she would make me a cup of coffee although I didn't drink coffee but I did with her. When we talked she always talked about her family with such pride. She would tell me about their accomplishments the marathons or the triathlons. Her son becoming a minister. She would always ask me about my family how they were and she always made me feel that she sincerely cared it wasn't just a question she really wanted to know. It was always a good time going to Betey's because she was very smart elegant well conversed and intelligent. And she never looked down upon me Or judge me on my thoughts. She will surely be missed by her family her church and her friends. May God bless you Bettie and it gives me great peace to know that one day we two will meet again in glory. My sincere condolences to her family.

Donald A Winfindale - September 23, 2020 at 10:11 PM