



## Margaret Watson Stassi

December 28, 2020

STASSI, MARGARET ELIZABETH "BETTY" WATSON (Age 91) died peacefully in the early morning hours of December 28, 2020. A devoted mother and homemaker, Betty will be remembered for her cooking and baking skills, and the delicious meals and desserts she served to family and friends. She also was a talented seamstress and made many outfits and prom dresses for her daughters when they were growing up.

Betty loved card games, camping, keeping up with current events, and the Crimson Tide. She could complete the daily newspaper crossword puzzle in pen. Betty was born in 1929 in Monroeville, Alabama, to Emeris Carlton and Margaret Simmons Watson. After graduating from high school a year early, she packed all her belongings in one bag and took a bus to the University of Alabama, arriving in the back of a pickup truck after the bus broke down. Shortly after she arrived on campus, she met Paul Stassi, who had returned to the university to finish his education after serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Betty left school and became Paul's "copilot for life" when they wed in August 1947. Betty and Paul were married for 67 years before his death, in April 2015.

Betty is survived by six children: Paula Ott (Bob), Joe (Diane), Peggy Coale (Scott), Laura, Jeanie Schwarz (Ken), and Lisa Everett (Dave); 15

grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister and two brothers; and many nieces and nephews. Burial will be private at Quantico National Cemetery next to her beloved Paul.

In lieu of flowers, and if you are so moved, please consider honoring Betty's life with a donation to your local food bank or Food for Others ([foodforothers.org](http://foodforothers.org)).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Watson Stassi*

January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *Mrs. Stassi will live on in her beautiful children. She was a loving mom and raised wonderful kids. I have such special memories of when she and my mom were Girl Scout leaders. I can hear their laughter right now. It seemed to rain every single weekend we went camping, but that never took away their smiles. The world was blessed to have your mama Stassi family.*

**Beverly Caruso** - January 05, 2021 at 05:20 AM



“ *Visiting Uncle Paul and Aunt Betty was always a time we looked forward to. I have so many wonderful memories of her delicious meals and her beautiful home where she made everyone feel so welcome. She will be so missed, but has left us with many loving memories.*

**Joanne and David Gribbins** - January 02, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ *Your mom always made me feel so welcome and safe when I was a little girl and came over to play on Oakford Drive. I remember many wonderful hours of games and delicious food. Hoping you find comfort in all your memories of Mrs. Stassi.*

**Michelle Bellinger** - January 01, 2021 at 04:14 PM

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“ She was a wonderful neighbor growing up on Oakford Dr. in Springfield, VA. God Bless Mrs. Stassi and the entire Stassi family!

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**Daniel High** - January 01, 2021 at 09:24 AM

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“ My sympathies to the family on the loss of their beloved Betty. I am a good friend of Laura’s and remember visiting the Stassis and how gracious Mrs. Stassi was to all of us. She was such a sweet southern lady and a wonderful mother to all her children. I will always have fond memories of her. I also enjoyed the stories she told us about Laura. 🙏

*Much love, Anne-Louise Hyatt (Weezie)*

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**Anne-Louise Hyatt** - December 31, 2020 at 09:01 PM

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“ Our sympathy and prayers to all of you on the passing of Aunt Betty. I have such fond memories of Aunt Betty from the past, when we would travel to Springfield to visit and when all of you would come to Rockford. She had such class and was a wonderful cook! The last time I saw Aunt Betty was at Uncle Paul's funeral. It must be a comfort to you to know that they are now together.

*Mary and Tim Ferguson*

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**Mary Ferguson** - December 31, 2020 at 02:14 PM