



Betty N. Phelps

February 21, 1926 - July 16, 2016

Betty Nelle Phelps, 90, of Petersburg, formerly of Easton, passed away at Sunny Acres Nursing Home in Petersburg at 3:15 a.m. on Saturday, July 16, 2016. She was born February 21, 1926 in Rushville, IL to Chester and Florence (Caldwell) Ballou. She married Robert Phelps on December 19, 1947 in Lincoln, IL and he preceded her in death on December 25, 1989.

Mrs. Phelps is survived by two daughters; Jan (Mike) Freeman and Susan (Ken) Rodger, both of Petersburg as well as three grandchildren; Katie (Lance) Kovacs, Josh Freeman and Colin (Molly) Knapp. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Mrs. Phelps taught Home Economics at Easton Community High School for 31 years. During her time as a teacher, she also served as Guidance Counselor, Junior Class sponsor and FHA-HERO sponsor. She received the Mason County Master Teacher award in 1984. She served as Vice-President and President of the Illinois Vocational Home Economics Association. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Petersburg and was a long time member of the American Association of University Women, Delta Kappa Gamma and the Easton Woman's Club. She served as a leader of the Chaney Happy Hour 4-H Club for many years. In retirement, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and pets as well as traveling and quilting.

Funeral services will be held at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana on Friday, July 22, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the services. Burial will follow the services at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana. Rev. John Vidakovich will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church of Petersburg.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **22.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana
217 North Plum Street
P.O. Box #648
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2244
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

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Tribute Wall



“ *Betty N. Phelps*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Dixie Dollins Witherall lit a candle in memory of Betty N. Phelps*



Dixie Dollins Witherall - July 24, 2016 at 11:17 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Betty N. Phelps.*



July 21, 2016 at 10:12 AM



“ *My sympathies to her family. Mrs. Phelps was one of my favorite teachers. I'll always remember the time we made French onion soup. I have never learned to like it, but it was a fun experience learning to make.*

Sherry (Smith) Stice - July 19, 2016 at 07:49 PM

ML

“ Betty was probably the hardest working teacher at ECHS. No project was too much trouble for her to undertake. She was also a dear friend of my mother, Helen Lowers, and actually was the person my mother shared her last meal with.

Matt Lowers - July 18, 2016 at 06:53 PM

TS

“ Tom & Kit Sponsler purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Betty N. Phelps.



Tom & Kit Sponsler - July 18, 2016 at 06:20 PM

NS

“ Mrs. Phelps taught me how to cook, sew and be a Future Homemaker of America. I will always be grateful to the many hours of hard work she put into teaching us the fundamentals of home economics.

Nancy Stephens - July 18, 2016 at 05:32 PM

MB

My deepest sympathy to Jan and Sue and their families. Mrs. Phelps was an excellent Home Economics and I was lucky to be one of her many students.

Melanie Blane - July 18, 2016 at 08:56 PM

LH

Jan and Sue; All though your Mother, Betty Phelps, didn't have me in any classes or study halls she was very nice to me. I want to express my sympathies to you and you and your family.
Lyle Huber

Lyle Huber - July 21, 2016 at 08:10 PM

KJ

I have very fond memories of the time spent in Home Economics classes taught by Mrs. Phelps at Easton High School. From cooking to sewing to the style shows....she was patient and encouraging with all of her students. My deepest sympathy to her family.

Kelly Cunningham Jacob - August 06, 2016 at 08:51 PM