



Betty Kathleen Gainer

August 8, 1921 - July 3, 2018

Betty Kathleen Gainer, born August 8, 1921 in Moundsville, WV died Tuesday July 3rd at Shadyside Care Center, Shadyside Ohio. She was the eldest child of Daniel W. Wise and Rhoda Olive (Fisher) Wise of Moundsville.

She was educated in the public schools of Moundsville, attended West Liberty State College and Morris Harvey College in Charleston, WV and completed the West Virginia University Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program in Morgantown, WV.

She was instrumental in the establishment of the Marshall County Department of Mental Health. During her years in Charleston, she was attaché to the WV Legislature, courtroom clerk for the Kanawha Co. Court system and Development Director of the newly licensed Kidney Foundation for the State of WV in 1974. Through this department, she facilitated in service trainings for nurses regarding organ donations. Under Governor Jay Rockefeller, she served as investigator for the Department of Highways Citizens Request for Assistance Program. Her primary satisfaction was derived from her employment as a counselor for the Kanawha County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program.

Mrs. Gainer was a devoted, life-long member of the United Methodist Church. She was most active in the Glen Dale Methodist Church as a choir member, chair of the Worship Committee and member of the United Methodist Women. She additionally served as Treasurer of the Wheeling Symphony Auxiliary and served on the Board of Directors for the YWCA of Wheeling for many years.

In addition to her parents, Betty was preceded in death by her first husband, David J. Butler in 1955 and her late husband Denzil Gainer (former WV State Auditor) in 1972, daughter-in-law Sandra Butler, grandson David Butler, and brothers K. Lemoyne Wise, Dean W. Wise, Glen F. Wise, and Charles "Tom" Wise .

Surviving are sons David "Tim" (Teresa) Butler of Cameron and J. Daniel (Carol) Butler of Glen Dale, sisters Joan Yoho of Pittsburgh, Janice Wise of Moundsville, brother Don F. (Joyce) Wise of Moundsville, seven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Family will receive friends Thursday from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Avenue, Moundsville and on Friday from 10am until time of funeral service at 11am at Glen Dale United Methodist Church, 700 Wheeling Avenue, Glen Dale with Rev. John Morrison and Rev. John Lepp officiating.

Private interment will be held at the convenience of the family at Big Run Christian Cemetery, Cameron, WV.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville
400 Jefferson Ave
Moundsville, WV 26041
(304) 845-0400
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

JUL 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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400 Jefferson Ave
Moundsville, WV 26041
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Visitation

JUL 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Glen Dale United Methodist Church
700 Wheeling Avenue
WV, AK 26038

Funeral Service

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Glen Dale United Methodist Church
700 Wheeling Avenue
WV, AK 26038

Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Kathleen Gainer*



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“ *David, Danny and Families,*

You're in my thoughts and prayers. Your Mom was a lovely lady who always looked at the positives in life. She always had a smile and good thoughts for all. You two were her pride and joy! Her love of life ... her get up and go and have a great day ... are things I remember about her! God has added another pearl to his flock!
Betty Duffy



Betty Duffy - July 05, 2018 at 08:46 AM

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“ *Sending my sincere condolences to the entire family. Betty was a wonderful friend of our family. My mother and her shared many good times together. She will be missed by all who knew her.*

*Dana Lusk
Charleston, WV*

Dana Lusk - July 04, 2018 at 03:48 AM



“ Tracy Kesterson lit a candle in memory of
Betty Kathleen Gainer



Tracy Kesterson - July 03, 2018 at 11:18 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the Family... I worked for Betty as a care giver. I became so fond of her and learned so much from her. Her love for music inspired me to Pursue music even more strongly.. One of my favorite memories was her and I sering How great Thou art in the morning coming down to breakfast.. I stayed at nights with betty and ldt sit by her bed, and she would tell me all about her life. Which I loved hearing. She would say. Sing me a hymn and I would. As I settled n for the night I would listen to betty on the monitor. She sang hymns to put herself to sleep, her voice was frail yet thru all her pain her Love for God burst thru in each hymn...I look forward as a Christian and a friend to spend Eternity with betty in heaven...Betty was a strong and wonderful woman whom I admired.

Angela Crawford - July 03, 2018 at 10:18 PM



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