



Betty Dawn Duquette (Woodman)

MAY 14, 1932 - JUNE 4, 2022



Mike Duquette

Mom, you were an incredible woman, wife to Dad and mother to Michele and I. You were always there, for everyone always. I would not be the man I am today, without your love and unwavering support. I miss you so much and love you dearly. You will never be forgotten. Xox.

Michele Brown

My dearest Mom,
Words cannot begin to express our love for you. You were the very best Wife, Mom and Grammy. You gave of yourself with your whole heart and your talents were endless. You always told me Michele, is there anything you can't do Well Mom, I got that from you! I will miss our phone chats, complaining about the weather, and discussing what we were making for dinner that night. We miss you so much already. I will carry you in my heart and mind forever.
Love always, Michele, Ben and Jordan xxxooo

Joe (Duke) Duquette

How does one really comment on a part of himself that he has lost! She was my rock and sole mate for 57 years, my best friend, the person I could always count on regardless of anything. I will never forget her; my darling "Little Betty" who always thought of others first, even during those bad months when she was ill. I'll never forget you my Love; till we meet again. Joe (AKA "Duke" as she always called me)

Robert Warren

Heartfelt condolences to the Duquette family during this very difficult time. Betty's strength of character, commitment to others and love of family is an inspiring legacy for others to follow. Mike has spoken often of the love and respect he has for Betty, Joe and Michele. I know you will all be a tremendous support to one another on the path forward. Sincere best wishes from the Warren family in Victoria, BC.

Richard Pelletier

My sincere condolences to the family and friends, May she rest in peace.

Zachary Forsyth

My deepest condolences for the loss of Betty. She was an admirable person who will be sorely missed. I will always remember hearing about the cardinals in the garden. Your memory will forever remain in our hearts

Jan and Kevin Brown. janjbrown@bigpond.

Duke, Mike and Michelle. We always looked forward to receiving Betty's newsy letters. We felt a part of your family watching and reading about you all growing up. Your memories will keep her near. Jan and Kevin xxx Australia.

Vanessa, Darren and Families in Perth, Australia

Uncle Duke, Mike, Michelle and Families, our hearts are broken for you with the loss of Aunty Betty. Our Mum(Nancy Dec) loved your phone calls Aunty Betty and looked forward to hearing all your Canadian news. You will now be able to have that long awaited cuppa together and remember all the good times.

Our heartfelt love and thoughts to you all, Gods speed Aunty Betty.

Love Vanessa, Darren and Family. Perth Australia

Karyn Ovens

My dear auntie Betty we will miss you so much especially your lovely letters and cards . Our love and sympathy is with Duke Mike and Michelle and families now at peace with all your Aussie family lots of love Karyn and Chris and family xxx

Nina Forsyth

Joe, Michelle and Mike, may your memories give you peace and comfort. Someone so special will never be forgotten, Betty may be gone from our sight, but never from our hearts. So sorry for your loss, she will be greatly missed.

Jason Bland

Deepest condolences to the Duquette family. I will always remember fondly the stories Mike would tell of his formidable and charismatic mother that helped forge strong character.



Tristan

My deepest condolences to her closest ones, especially my Dad, Grandpa and Aunt. I will remember those times when visiting Orleans. Smile and joy is how I can describe it. Always joyful of hearing about school and work ; Common conversation for some, but it really made her happy to know that I was fulfilled with how my life was going and knowing she was proud of that always made my day. She will be greatly missed XoX

Craig Ford

To Mr Duquette and family, my heart felt condolences go out to all of you. Although I have not had the pleasure to meet you, I feel as if I have. Mike speaks of all of you with great pride and respect.

Mr Duquette, you and Mrs Duquette have raised an amazing son and man, he represents your family name well and wears it with great honour.

Cheryl Woodman

My deepest condolences to Uncle Duke, my cousins Mike and Michele and their families. I grew up waiting for Aunty Betty's postcards from her adventures traveling the world. She became a role model instilling my own desire to travel when I was older.

Of course, we never saw much of her but I remember clearly when, as a family, they came for a visit to Australia (minus Uncle Duke). He missed her so much he surprised us all by flying over! I immediately was impressed with him. I enjoyed playing with Michele, aged 5, although I was some years older.

When I began my travels I just had to make sure Canada was included where I spent a wonderful two weeks with them.

Her only brother, my Dad Ian, suffered his final illness in 2007 but I knew he was holding on until he could see his beloved sister and Uncle Duke. He left us on April 22, 2007 with Aunty Betty and Uncle Duke able to attend the funeral.

Aunty Betty was my favorite aunt: beautiful, fun, caring, adventurous etc. A truly amazing lady.

Thank you Aunty Betty for what you gave me: support when I wanted 'boys toys' at a time it wasn't the done thing, courage and a belief that I was her 'beautiful niece' filling a shy young girl, then woman, with confidence.

Forever in my heart until we meet again.

Karyn Ovens

My dear auntie Betty , we will never forget you I loved all your letters and cards from beautiful Canada and hearing all your news. All our love to Duke , Mike , Michelle and Families Rest peacefully Aunty Betty with all your Aussie family lot's of love Karyn and Chris and family xxxalways be with you.

Mike and Michael -- Your mother loved you ever so dearly, and was so proud of you both, and her grandchildren. Betty will indeed be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Tom Taylor

I am very saddened to hear that dear Betty has passed away. Betty was a very special lady who we first met when I was serving in Germany with Duke in the early 1960's. It was fun to hear Betty and Barb chatting with one Aussie and one German accent. That friendship endured for nearly 60 years. My sincere condolences to Duke, Michael and Michelle. I share your loss.

Dave Smith

Duke, it's been years since I last saw you two, but I want to offer my sincere sympathy on your loss of Betty. She was a lovely woman, who always made me comfortable when visiting you two. Take care old friend, my thoughts are with you. "Smithy"

Jen Roberts.

Aunt Betty was an amazing woman. She had a real adventurous soul. I'm going to miss her fiercely.

Murray and Peggy (Duquette) Delmege

I cannot believe that Betty is gone. She was such a loving and caring person, with a good sense of humour and able to cope with any problem. A "people person". She connected very easily with all people. She was without a doubt the lifetime soulmate for Joe. Remember Joe that her spirit will always be with you. Mike and Michael -- Your mother loved you ever so dearly, and was so proud of you both, and her grandchildren. Betty will indeed be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. will

George Thompson

Duke, sorry to hear of your loss old buddy, Betty was a one-of-a-kind lady, and will be sorely missed. All the best to you Duke, Take care; George

Markus Anastasiades

On behalf of the Saanich Police Benevolent Society, our heartfelt condolences to the Duquette family for your loss. We know how important family is in supporting their loved ones who venture into a career in policing, and the wonderfully written bio above certainly shows that Betty was that loving, caring and supportive mother. From all of us, warmest wishes.

Jordan Brown

Grammy, it has been hard for me to figure out what to write because I can't put into words just how much I am going to miss you. I have many fond memories of visiting with you throughout my childhood from building little bird nests with you out of playdough to you giving me change for candy or treats. I swear I am never going to forget all the times you would measure how much I've grown by pulling me in for a big hug, even when I got taller than you. I am going to miss hearing about your travel stories, I wish I had written them down because I always looked up to you in how you decided to travel the world and take in as much of it as you could. Whenever I mentioned you to my friends I always talked about how awesome it was that you've been all over the world, and I've always admired that about you. I wish I had made more time to sit and talk with you to hear more about your trips and memories, but I am lucky to have mom able to share these stories with me whenever I ask. I think I speak on behalf of everyone that there is an empty place in our family now, but I will always carry you in my heart.

Love Jordan xoxo

Nancy & Gary Walkling

On behalf of the Walkling family we wish to extend our condolences on the passing of Betty to Joe and family. Betty was a great neighbor and we always enjoyed her stories and wit.

Nola Anderson

Nola, Bruce, Darren, Jodie and families from Victoria and Queensland, Australia, send our thoughts and prayers to Duke, Mike and Michelle and families, on the passing of our dear Aunty Betty. She will never be forgotten and be in our hearts as a loving Aunty to us all. R.I.P. Aunty Betty

Rhonda Sharp

Dear Duke, Mike and Michele and families. It is with great sadness that we have to farewell dear Aunty Betty. Our loving thoughts go out to you all. Many years of corresponding by hand written letters and cards will be greatly missed. She did an awesome job keeping in touch with all the family. Duke took up the honours in the latter years with Aunty Betty telling him what to say. Thanks to email. She wasn't going to be beaten. We were all very lucky to make a visit to Ottawa over the years which will be memorable. R.I.P Aunty Betty. Love from Rhonda and Frank Sharp, Donna Kennedy , Queensland Australia and Ashley and Annika Sharp, Helsinki Finland. and families.

Sylvie Duford Paul Hamelin

Deepest sympathies to Joe. Betty was a wonderful neighbour to our family and especially our kids, Caroline & Marie-Andree. She always had a little something kind to say, and little surprises for the kids. We loved her "aussie" accent and her lovely smile.

