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Betty Jane Buxton was born on her mother's birthday, April 7, in the year 1926, in Elrayma, Pennsylvania, 30 miles south of Pittsburgh, on the scenic Monongahela River. Betty's mother, Mae, worked in retail sales and her father, Joseph Loveland, worked for the railroad. Betty had an older sister, Vivian, and two older brothers, Robert and Lloyd. Betty has two younger sisters, Lorraine who lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and June, who lives in Cambridge, Ohio. Old Mike was pet rooster of the family who loved to chase everyone. As a result of her brother Lloyd and his friend Edward Buxton enlisting in the Army together for World War II, Betty met Ed and they were married on February 14, 1946. Betty and Ed have four children. They are: Tim (Judi), Susan Effron (David), Becky Kiplinger (Mike) and Dan (Lorna). Tim, Susan and Becky live in the greater Cleveland, Ohio area, and Dan lives in Grass Valley, California. Betty and Ed have 11 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and one great great grandchildren. Betty attended Langley High School in Pittsburgh. Upon moving to Ohio in 1955, Betty worked at Bailey Meter Company in Cleveland and she held various clerk positions over the years. Betty became quite skilled in ceramics, cake decorating, candy making, crafts, sewing, gardening and pets. She did not make much money selling her projects, but she made a lot of people happy. Betty and Ed retired in their early 60's and traveled throughout the United States in their motor home. Betty was able to complete some studies on the genealogy of her family, loved attending auctions and enjoyed making jellies and preserves. Ed and Betty were married for over 60 years and managed to provide for their four children other circumstances that at times must have been daunting. Their children never knew a hungry day, never wanted for clean clothes, a safe bed to sleep in or any necessity of life. If, as a child our parents suspected you might be headed in the wrong direction, Mom or Dad would ""set you straight."" We did not lack for parenting, even if you didn't agree with the technique. Mom was



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game to travel via car or camper to many destinations over the years, a favorite being Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. Our mother encouraged a love of animals, a trait that influenced Dan and Lorna to own a successful pet business, and all the rest of us to have an abundance of pets and other creatures. Mom also passed on a love of gardening, both indoors and out. Each of her children have followed that example too. Mother was of English and German heritage, but was most proud to be what she call ""Pennsylvania Dutch."" She preferred the simple way of life and the ability to manage independently. It was with great sadness to witness the limitations of her final decade of life related to her vascular dementia. But with the sadness came opportunities to laugh with her, enjoy her impish grin and some of her funny responses to questions and conversations. Mom created her own world within her dementia that allowed her to survive in the unique way someone does when so physically depleted. Mom laughed more in her final years than at any other time of her life. Even in the mental fog and sluggish tangle of dementia mother could always eventually remember family members, her sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, and children. She would be well entertained by having cards read and reread to her by any of us when we visited. Those cards sent were of great comfort, she always felt cared about every time we read them. All of her children were encouraged to be independent and contributing members of society. All were loved equally. Both parents showed an ongoing devotion to each other, their children, strong work ethic and loyalty. In the end, the lessons taught, more by our parents example have been evidenced in their children. In deep gratitude to our parents who sacrificed so much, to the sons and daughters who stayed the course and to God who strengthened us in this amazing time.



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