



Betty Jean Conchiglio

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Betty Jean Conchiglio was born on the 14th of February, 1933, in the midst of the Great Depression in Beckley, West Virginia. The beloved and devoted wife of 70 years to Edward Conchiglio resided in Ocala, FL.

Despite the hardships of her early years, she lived a charmed and fulfilling life. As a quintessential stay-at-home mother, she dedicated herself to raising her three daughters—Melinda Conchiglio, Sharon Conchiglio, and Brenda Conchiglio—whom she adored and who regarded her as their best friend. Her nurturing spirit extended beyond her family; she was a source of motherly love to anyone in need, always offering a sense of humor and a positive outlook on life.

Betty Jean was deeply involved in her daughters' lives, volunteering at school, teaching religious instruction, and leading their Girl Scout Troops for over 25 years. Her dedication to her girls and other children in the community was unwavering. She shared her artistic talents generously, sparking a lifelong passion for the arts in her children. An award-winning artist, Betty Jean's creativity shone through her oil paintings, silver point drawings, needlepoint, lacemaking, and as an accomplished seamstress, bringing joy to herself and others.

Her lifelong love of cinema began as a child in Tampa, FL, where she spent her days immersed in the magic of the theater. Particularly fond of Western

and Mystery films, she was enchanted by the set design and costumes. These cinematic experiences inspired her own artistic endeavors and creative spirit throughout her life.

Her love extended to animals of all kinds. Over her lifetime, she cared for a variety of pets including cats, dogs, cattle, horses, chickens, birds, and wildlife. Her nurturing spirit knew no bounds.

As a Nonna, Betty Jean's love knew no limits. She cherished her two grandsons, Theodore Edward Jacobson and Cameron Alexander Rivas, traveling often to be with them for holidays, school and church functions, music recitals, hockey games, or simply when she needed a "Theo or Cameron fix." ; Betty and Eddie would regularly fly across the country to San Francisco and Dallas, never missing an opportunity to celebrate her grandsons' achievements. Her devotion gracefully allowed her to let go when they grew up and pursued their dreams.

Betty Jean's compassionate understanding and non-judgmental nature made her a trusted confidante, offering advice whenever she was asked. As the matriarch of her family, she will be profoundly missed every day, as her presence was a constant source of love and support. Her legacy of love, creativity, and positivity will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to know her.

Betty Jean Conchiglio, 91, of Ocala, Florida, passed away on May 8, 2024 in Ocala.