

# ELIZABETH THERESA PALMER

Passed June 26, 2024



***What a Wonderful World**  
Song by Louis Armstrong  
I see trees of green,  
red roses too  
I see them bloom,  
for me and for you  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world  
I see skies of blue,  
and clouds of white  
The bright blessed days,  
dark sacred nights  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world*

When we hear this song, we think of our mother Betty Palmer who loved to hear it and sing it. We imagine that Heaven welcomed and celebrated as Betty sang and danced through the pearly gates into her beloved husband Don's arms. Known for her outgoing personality and her ability to make everyone feel special, Betty was the consummate organizer in bringing people together like the seashells she gathered at the beach, each one cherished and beautiful in her eyes. She treasured the many groups they started with friends and neighbors: Card Club, Friends United group, game club, book club, travel group and the neighborhood breakfast club, to name just a few.

Her most important treasures were family - her late husband Don and her five children: Kathy, Karen (and bonus son Steve), Don (and bonus daughter Lori), Kelly and Doug. She will be missed by her grandkids: Jen (Dan) Weber, Brad (Lauren) Starbuck, Brian Palmer, Henry Palmer, Travis (Olivia) Bickmore, Shannon (fiancé Kyle) Bickmore and great-grandkids: Jack and Cate Weber; and Page and Emilie Starbuck. We kids were in awe of her as our mom. Her unconditional love for each of us, coupled with the 'you can do anything you set your mind to' philosophy helped each of us to find our own path in life.

Betty loved teaching young children, deeply appreciating the privilege of fostering a love of learning while lovingly guiding each student through their first grade year. She kept in touch with countless students throughout her life. Betty even taught one of her golden retrievers to "read" a few words! In addition to teaching, her other passions in life were the Pittsburgh Steelers (always with reverence for favorite former players Troy Polamalu and Franco Harris), anything Irish, gardening and having a refined appreciation of Baileys and a good chardonnay.

Betty's heaven is surely filled with golden retrievers running through beautiful shamrock filled gardens. The family asks that you cheer on the Steelers; plant a little something in her memory; raise a glass and say "Sláinte"; and/or do something that brings you and the ones you love joy. Arrangements entrusted to **SOXMAN FUNERAL HOMES, LTD.** In lieu of flowers, should you wish to make a donation, please consider: Alzheimer's Association, <https://act.alz.org>, 225 N. Michigan Ave., FL 17, Chicago, IL 60601; Human Animal Rescue Pittsburgh, [humaneanimalrescue.org/adopt](http://humaneanimalrescue.org/adopt), 1101 Western Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233; Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, [www.pspca.org](http://www.pspca.org), 350 East Erie Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19134.

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