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Mrs. Elizabeth A. "Betty" (Sullivan) Beland, 81, of North Andover, Massachusetts passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 15th, 2011 at her home. She was born on February 18th, 1930 in Lawrence, Massachusetts to the late Frank and Lena (Tapley) Sullivan. Betty was educated in the local schools and was a graduate of Lawrence High School. She later graduated from Berdette School of Business in Boston, MA. Betty worked as a Trust Officer at Arlington Trust Company (1948 - 1976) in Lawrence, MA. She then spent 26 years, (1976-2002) as a philanthropist and administrator for the Stevens Foundations in North Andover, Massachusetts. Betty was Trustee of The Charlotte Home, Trustee of The White Fund, Trustee of the Lawrence Public Library, Board Member of AAA of Merrimack Valley, Corporator/Founder Merrimack Valley Community Foundation, Committee Member Ayer Mill Clock Tower Restoration, Committee Member of the Summer in Greater Lawrence, Committee Member of Greater Lawrence Donors' Collaborative, Advisory Board Member of Essex Art Center, Committee Member of New Paint Auction/ Essex Art Center, Advisory Board Member of Adopt-A-Park in Lawrence, Advisory Committee Member of Lawrence Gateway Council, Advisory Committee Member of Nevins Adult Care, No. Andover, Founder/Board Member of Edgewood Retirement Community, Board Member of Lawrence Family Development & Education Fund, Board Member/Chairman of Greater Lawrence Chap. Amer. Red Cross, Board Member/Clerk of Holy Family Hospital Committee Member, Centro Panamericano of Long-Range Plan, Corporate Board Member, Merrimack Valley Y.M.C.A., Member of Mass. Bankers Assoc., Pension/Profit Sharing Comm., Member and Chairman, Assoc. Grant makers Summer Program, Trustee of Shawmut Arlington Foundation, Fundraising Chairman of the No. Andover 350 Anniv. Celebration, and Treasurer of the Lawrence 150 Anniv. Celebration. In Betty's lifetime she received many awards: In 1990 Lawrence Exchange Club Book of



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Golden Deeds Award, 1991 Immigrant City Archives Award from Int'l Institute, 1991 Eagle Tribune Woman of the Year Award, 1992 Lawrence Youth Commission Award, 1992 Point After Club Award, 1993 Yankee Clipper Council, Boy Scout Award, 1995 Merrimack College ABA Hall of Fame, 1998 Merr.Valley Comm. Found. Distinguished Svc. Award, 1999 Hibernian's "John E. Fenton Citizenship Award", 2000 Amer. Red Cross McCallum Humanitarian Award, and the 2000 Lawrence Bar Assoc. Liberty Bell Award. According to her family, Betty was a Huge Red Sox fan, she enjoyed traveling and most of all she loved spending time with her family. Betty was very competitive, especially in Scrabble. wife of the late Mr. Joseph Chanel Beland Her family members include her daughters: Atty. Lynn M. Beland of Westwood, MA and Susan E. Bogle and her husband David Dalton Morgan of Vancouver Her 2 grandchildren: Rhys Dalton Morgan and Bryn Dalton Morgan As well as many nieces and nephews. Her celebration of life mass will take place on Saturday, November 19th, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in Saint Michaels Church in North Andover, MA. Arrangements are under the direction of the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 35 Merrimack Street, No. Andover, MA. For online condolences and other information please go to www.breenfuneralhome.com. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Essex Art Center, 56 Island Street, Lawrence, MA 01840.



Tribute Wall

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Julie Kebartas posted:

Dear Betty, I have often thought of you over the years since we first met on Stevens Street in 1997. We moved away from N.Andover in 2000 after our daughter was born so could be closer to family. I will never forgot the beautiful serving tray you gave me for my upcoming wedding. You were one of the kindest sweetest people I have ever met. I will never forget you Betty R.I.P sweet Lady.....

March 7 at 8:00 PM



Helen And Leslie posted:

The Essex Art Center has lost its greatest supporter and Friend. She was the Mother Theresa of the Art Center, the Arts and Lawrence. The moment we met Betty Beland, shortly after we opened, she embraced us and our crazy ideas, just as she supported so very many people, in Lawrence especially. She taught us just about everything we know; not only about grant writing and the importance of remembering people's names and writing thankyou's immediately but she also taught us accounting, which she kept reminding us was "FUN". Betty was loads of fun. She got the biggest kick out of being the first to answer any and all invitations, which was about 90 percent of the time. Most of all she taught us the enormous value of a very, very special friendship.

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DT

David Tory posted:

A Tribute to Betty Beland - A wonderful woman and inspiring philanthropist November 17, 2011 It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Betty Beland on Tuesday November 15, 2011. Betty's dedication to the support of the nonprofit community in the Greater Lawrence area was of profound and invaluable importance. Among her legacy of extraordinary accomplishments is her leading role in the establishment of the Essex County Community Foundation. Betty, a long time administrator of The Stevens Foundations, was a passionate promoter of the importance of providing broad levels of assistance beyond financial support to grass-roots, nonprofit organizations in and around Lawrence. At the same time, she recognized that there had to be a way of retaining some of the philanthropic dollars that were then flowing into Boston, and refocusing them to support local nonprofits. The founders of Broadhow, the precursor of ECCF, first met Betty through her active support of and engagement with the Essex Art Center in Lawrence. She encouraged them to establish Broadhow in 1998, to provide low cost or free consulting and training to nonprofits. Betty worked closely with Broadhow and helped plan its reorganization to become the Essex County Community Foundation, of which she was a founding board member. Through her active promotion, The Stevens Foundations made substantial and critically important grants to underwrite ECCF's early operating costs. It was Betty who started the Greater Lawrence Summer Fund in 1990 and drove it to become a major funding source for Greater Lawrence nonprofits. In 2001, she asked ECCF to take over the Summer Fund which is now one of ECCF's most successful donor collaboratives providing summer enrichment activities for over 15,000 youth in the region. Betty was also one of the founders of the Greater Lawrence Community Foundation which began in 1993. As its scope expanded, it was soon renamed the Merrimack Valley Community Foundation and in 2004 it merged with ECCF. Its legacy is now the Merrimack Valley General Fund which makes grants each year to nonprofit programs in the area. Betty's purpose in all of these efforts was always to bring donors together to do big things they could not do as well separately. Betty Beland was a unique, warm and caring person. She was a much loved "den mother" of the Greater Lawrence nonprofit community and an inspiration to all she worked with. With all she did and all the difference she made to so many, it seems as if she received special recognition by passing away on National Philanthropy Day. We have all benefited from her example and many contributions to the community and will miss her more than words can tell. -Remarks from David Tory, Founder of the Essex County Community Foundation

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ML

Marty Larson posted:

I never remember Betty without her beautiful smile. I saw her often when I was at the North Andover Historical Society and I needed to go see her at her office in the Brick Store. Her greeting was always "what can I do for you?" and I think that was her approach to life. I'm honored to have known her and can appreciate how very much she contributed to the community she loved.

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FW

Fr. Bill Waters, Osa posted:

I served with Betty on the Board of Trustees at the Lawrence Librray and on different projects at St. Mary's. She was one of my favorite people--always up and happy. I ahda lot of fun with her. I would have been at the funeral on Saturday, but I was in Philadelphia for the weekend. Be assurec of my prayers. Fr. Bill

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MD

Mary M. Doherty posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Betty. She was a remarkable woman who did so much for so many in a quiet and unassuming way. She will be missed but I'm sure many of those she helped along the way will continue her work and for that, Betty would be very pleased. Thank you, Betty. I'm proud to say I knew you.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

MK

Mike Kelley posted:

The Kelley family moved out of the Irish ghetto that was Park, Wells and Spruce Streets in Lawrence in 1948. I was six and my brother was eight. Betty and her sister Marie were among our favorite Irish girls in the neighborhood. Betty was stolen from us by Chanel, but he was our favorite local ballplayer and gifted us with broken bats from his games. Betty was a sweetheart in every sense of the word. We thought of her often after we moved and she remained in our hearts for a good bit of time thereafter. She did a lot with the life God gave her and will always be a sweetheart to me. My condolences to the family. Mike Kelley

March 7 at 8:00 PM

DC

Donella Narushof Curtis posted:

Betty & I were classmates at Lawrence High School,Class of 1947. We shared many classes,sitting close to each other and had so much fun. They were wonderful days and Betty will never be forgotten by all her classmtes at good old Lawrence High. She was a wonderful, unforgettable person, well loved by all. Our sincere condolences to her family.

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SB

Sheila Balboni posted:

The children of Lawrence have been blessed to have had Betty Beland in their lives. Her kindness and love for them and her City will always be remembered.

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PC

Peter Carrozza posted:

Dear Susan and Lynn, My deepest condolences at the passing of your wonderful mother. I will always remember her as a warm, kind and happy person. She always made me feel welcome and comfortable in her presence. Aside from her noteworthy community involvement, I feel your mother's best contribution to Society is her two special daughters. After 35 years your mother and father are together again. With fond memories, Peter Carrozza

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RB

Robert And Christine Beland posted:

Susan and Lynn Aunt Betty was a great person who helped others. WE send you our condolences on the loss of your Mother, our prayers are with you both and with your mother.

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JF

Joan Bushnell Francis posted:

My deepest condolences Betty was such a welcoming woman - to all. Amazing person everyday of her life. Halloween was always fun to go to her house and get our annual picture taken by Betty with my children and the Enright children!! She will be missed by many. God speed.

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TC

Terri Christiana posted:

To Betty's Family, It's amazing how one person can touch someone's life. I didn't know her well. She was on a bowling league with Chanel in the early 60's and she was always such a wonderful, positive, uplifting person. I worked at the Lawrence Rec. and I never forgot what an impact she had in my life. She was quite a woman. Rest with your Savior, Betty.

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LB

Lucille Beland posted:

I just want to say to your family Im very sorry for your loss!It was always nice to see Betty and she will be missed, although only saw her on occassions she always remembered me and that was nice! Rest in Peace Betty and may you continue to watch over everyone, your in my heart and in my prayers. Love Always Lucille Beland She is with some of our missed loved ones xoxoxoGodBless

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SD

Sheila M Doherty posted:

Who ever said "one woman can't make a difference in the world", didn't know Betty. An amazing example of giving back and working for the good of others and the community. Rest in peace, Betty, your work here will continue

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JO

Josh posted:

Susan and Lynn, Betty was wonderful, remarkable and I will always be thankful for what she taught me over the years. She will be missed by many in this community and will be remembered forever for all she did for Lawrence and the non-profit community. Josh

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AB

Ann Bushnell posted:

Lynn, I would like to send my condolences once again. I will miss her tremendously and I will never forget her. She was very special to a lot of people and I know she will be greatly missed by everyone that knew her.

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JH

Janesullivan Heggarty posted:

Please accept my deepest sympathy and prayers on the loss of your mother, Betty. She was a wonderful person. May she rest in peace.

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