



## Betty J. Yakubian

September 13, 1923 - April 21, 2013

Dateline: Houston, TX

Betty Yakubian, 89, made her peaceful transition on Sunday, April 21, 2013 at Seven Acres Long Term Care Center in Houston, Texas where she resided for two years. She was the seventh daughter born to the late Dessie Mae and Harry D. Wilson, on September 13, 1923 in Murphysboro, Illinois.

Betty was an accountant, business woman, artist, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Along with her husband and business partner, Jeanno Yakubian whom she married on March 8, 1957, she owned and operated the East 10 Printing Company, an antique shop, The Luncheonette and Yakubian Development Company which helped revitalize the Wood River downtown area by upgrading many commercial buildings in the 1960s and 70s.

Later, Betty and Jeanno moved to Alton and made their home in the Beall House. She was known as a hostess who entertained with parties large and small. Her gracious sense of style was infused with her playful spirit and fun loving approach to life. In Alton, she and Jeanno opened a new business, Yakubian Commercial Real Estate Company which they operated until Jeanno's death in 1996.

Betty's artistic talents and interests were many. She was a member of the Hammond Organ Club and played at their monthly meetings. She was an

accomplished china painter and teacher, world traveler, poet and gourmet cook. She was a member of the Soroptomist and Zonta professional women's organizations and the Wood River Garden Club.

Betty was a spiritual explorer and enjoyed being part of the community at First Unitarian Church of Alton and the Anna Dees. She also attended the Unity Church in Houston. Her library of spiritual books was extensive and she loved reading.

A Master NLP (Neuro-Linguistic Programming) Practitioner, her training was in Houston where she earned her credentials in NLP along with her daughter Jan (Stringer) Berzins. She credited NLP for helping her face health challenges after she suffered a stroke in 2005. Her courage and creative spirit carried her through difficult times and were an inspiration to her family and friends.

In addition to her daughter Janet and son-in-law Tex Berzins, Betty is survived by her two beloved granddaughters and their husbands: Lauren and Brian Kelly and Lisa and Pat Hale; great-grandchildren: Sam Hale, Erin Hale and Conor Kelly all of Houston; Niece, Armida Herring of Jerseyville; brother-in-law, Raffi Yakubian of Santa Ana, California and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she is predeceased by her siblings and their spouses: Ann and Jack Norman, Edith and Kenneth Scoggins, Mildred and Emil Franke, Dorothy and Armel Holshouser, Maxine and Robert Ufert, Helen Wilson, Harry and Edna Wilson, Jack and Deloris Wilson.

The family would like to thank the staff and caregivers, who supported Betty during the past seven years: first in Illinois at The Fountains IV in Godfrey and Glenhaven Gardens of Alton and finally in Texas at Seven Acres and Vitas

Hospice in Houston. Contributions in her honor can be made to IMPACT in Alton or to the charity of your choice.

A Celebration of Betty's Life is scheduled in the afternoon of June 22, 2013 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton with a Visitation at 12:30 until the beginning of the Memorial Service at 2:00.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty J. Yakubian*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Betty J. Yakubian*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I was taken as an exchange student into the home of Jeanno and Betty Yakubian in 1985/1986. I am still grateful and think of them very often. Betty, thanks for teaching me some lessons that helped me to navigate well in life. Rest in peace.*  
*Amadeus*

**Amadeus David Tao** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jan; Betty and Jeanno were great friends, even though we haven't seen Betty for a few years, we will miss her. There are so many great memories and good times we had with them . All our love.*  
*Gary and Nancy*

**gary & nancy crane** - June 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ i remember her. she was my 2nd cousin. she was good person. small world. we used to live next to each other! she lived at beall mansion. i used to live in an apt. on george st. right across from her! another small world--my husband kevin used to work for her and husband for 10 years before we dated/married! she and her sister shared family tree of wilson stories w us. she was good woman! will miss her. cousin karen

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**karen (wilson) lewis** - June 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember Betty when she came to Wood River with her daughter, Jan. My mom, Margaret Paris, and Betty became good friends in those years. I think mom and Betty both worked as bookkeepers. She was a very nice lady; I was just a little girl. I remember Jan had a pretty navy blue winter coat like a sailor's and I thought she looked so pretty in it. Betty was so nice to Jan and took such good care of her. I also knew Jeanno because I grew up with Raffi; they had a sister named Rose who lives in CA w/her son who is a doctor. I know Betty is in heaven now and walking with our Lord. He is holding her hand and she is so happy. Eternal rest grant upon her. Best regards to her daughter, Jan, and the family, because they will miss such a beautiful and kind lady.

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**Margaret Szoke Seaton** - April 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM