



## REMEMBERING Betty Word

August 7, 1921 - December 25, 2009



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### **Tribute from Nunes-Pottinger Funeral Service Staff**

Nunes-Pottinger Funeral Service Staff send our condolences to family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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### **Tribute from Carolynn Kelly**

Relation: Just a friend

Sorry to hear the passing of your Mum, Betty Jo. She indeed went to sing with angels on Christmas Day Love Carolynn xx

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### **Tribute from Betty Downing**

Relation: acquaintance from FBC Vancouver

Fond remembrances of both your Mom and Dad at church, your Mom always elegant and warm. Will always remember how they appreciated the music and made sure we knew they did. Betty

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### **Tribute from Don and Joyce Low**

Relation: Old Friends

It was a great privilege to know Betty. She was a beautiful and gracious lady, and we had many times of fellowship and travel together in our mutual activities with Full Gospel Businessmen. How appropriate that your Dad passed away at Easter and your Mom at Christmas. We treasure memories of her. Don and Joyce

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### **Tribute from Daryle and Hope Taylor**

Relation: knew her daughter, Betty-Jo

Betty-Jo and Steve, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Love, Hope and Daryle

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### **Tribute from Linda Zlotnik**

Relation: Friend from First Baptist Vancouver

What wonderful lives both your parents had! I am so glad I knew them. I smile to remember the last time I saw Mrs. Word. She called from Park Royal Towers she had books to donate to the church library but would I hurry please because she was off to a harmonica or square dance rehearsal. What a woman! Love to each of you from Linda Zlotnik

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**Tribute from Elaine Cummings**

Relation: Friends

To Betty-Jo, Susan and John,

With loving sympathy and very fond memories of each of you but especially at this sad time I am remembering Betty and I must at the same time think of France because you can't think of one without the other.

You have a strong and faithful heritage, you were loved and you made her so proud of her three dear children and of all your families. I loved her originality, her enthusiasm and her ability to express her ideas which so quickly became achievements. I remember happy times shared in the First Baptist Couples Club, one party in particular, a fun time Halloween party with France and Betty as hosts at your old home in West Vancouver. (First prize went to the couple in caveman costumes.) So my dears, a much loved lady has passed on and I want to send to all of you, her beloved family, my deepest sympathy. She was a lady of deep faith and I feel sure she will be enjoying the reunion with the Christ she loved and those she loved and lost awhile. Bless you all and much love, Elaine Cummings

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**Tribute from Don Steinbart**

Relation: West Van neighbour

Hi Betty-Jo, Susan and John. I was saddened to hear of your Mom's passing. It is a hard time for the families but you will always have the memories to cherish. From my own experiences you will discover that the strangest things will trigger a delightful memory from years gone by, and bring a smile to your heart. We are probably 47 years after the fact but I still remember your Mom driving the blue jeep over the old Alexandra Bridge in the Fraser Canyon, and complaining about other drivers being afraid to get close to the edge of the narrow road (I don't blame them), the Gooks and Zettriches(sp), haying, birthing calves, the swayback horse, Marten, new born kittens in the wood pile, root beer, and taking a young horse to the Flying U Ranch. Betty-Jo, it was nice to meet you again in Osoyoos and strange that we met through my daughter, Andrea. Thanks for the memories, they are all good. Happy New Year to you all. Don

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**Tribute from Janet McMichael**

Relation: Through daughter and son-in-law

Betty-Jo and Steve:

I was sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. From the messages I have read she was a great lady. Now you two are the older generation and will have to take over where your Mom left off.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Janet

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**Tribute from Wes & Hermalee Churchwell**

Relation: Wife of Hermalee's second cousin

Living so far from Oklahoma, and after Buddy's health declined, we didn't see Betty. But daughter Betty & husband Steve are wonderful cousins whose visits we enjoy. Thru Betty Jo, we have admired her wonderful devotion to God and her personal ministry. She is now pain free and in her everlasting home with Jesus and God. May her family be comforted by this knowledge. Love & hugs Wes & Hermalee

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**Tribute from brenda allan**

Relation: LPN from Sagebrush and Mariposa

Dear Susan, Betty-jo, John and families. I was saddened to hear your mom had passed away. My condolences to you all... I will remember 'my favorite girl' fondly. Brenda LPN

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**Tribute from Caralyn, Sandra and Glenn**

Relation: A friendship with Betty-Jo & Steve

We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Betty Jean. We were privileged to have had the opportunity to meet her when she visited Betty-Jo and Steve in Edmonton. She was a true lady in every sense of the word and yet beneath the prim and proper outward appearance...a truly adventurous spirit thrived. We marveled at her wonderful stories and laughed with her as she shared her experiences. We especially remember her story of being stranded alone in an elevator for a long period of time - belting out gospel songs until her rescue or her canoe trip in the wilderness in which she had to store her lipstick elevated in a tree so as not to attract wild animals. Thank you Betty Jo and Steve for sharing this truly amazing woman of God with our family. She was blessed with a long life and your love.

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**Tribute from Mike PEARCE**

Relation: friend second mom

it was always a pleasure to know Betty and her husband I loved their spirits so much. Now Betty has gone to join him after many years of enjoying her remaining life. I know she is up in heaven with him and they are both surrounded by a bunch of happy angels. My thoughts are also with their family wishing them well in coping with this death. Regards to all of them.

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**Tribute from Eric Hetherington**

Relation: Eldest Grandson

Nana was a wonderful lady who loved the Lord and never hesitated to share His love with others. I cherish my memories of her.

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**Tribute from Brock Hetherington**

Relation: Grandson

Nana was indeed on a kind. There will never be another Nana Word who had the kind of impact in this world, felt by so many. She will always be remembered with respect and love. May she rest in peace with Papa and Jesus forever

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**Tribute from marilyn elvidge**

Relation: mother of a good friend of mine

I remeber meeting Betty Word when she lived in the Park Royal Towers of west vancouver. She used to walk the Seawall with Betty Jo & Steve when they came to visit. She was so elegant in appreance & livley & alert. I like to remeber her that way

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**Tribute from Eileen Walt**

Relation: I only knew Betty for a short time

Betty was a delightful lady. I only wish I had known her longer.  
My prayers are with Betty Jo and Steve whom I love so dearly.

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**Tribute from Adeline Bresch**

Relation: I was a Nanny for the family

I was a Nanny for the Dr. Word family, years ago. I have known the family to be down to earth people, who treated me like family. I will have many wonderful memories of Betty. She was a true friend, who will be missed

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**Tribute from Sol Klein**

Relation: Care aid

I am so sorry for the loss of a dear lady. I have missed Betty for a long time and am very honored that I did get the privilege to know her.  
My deepest sympathy to all the family. My prayers are with you all.  
Sol

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**Tribute from Clara**

Relation: friend of Steve & Betty-Jo

Dear Betty-Jo and Steve: I'm very sorry to hear the passing of Nana. I remember meeting her when I was staying with you both in Edmonton a few years ago. Nana was a lovely lady and I know she is now resting in a better place with God and Jesus.

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**Tribute from Andy & Sharon Burke**

Relation: friends of Steve & Betty-jo

Dear Steve and Betty-jo, we are so sorry to hear that "mom" recently passed away. We only knew her a short time through our visits which we enjoyed very much. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this time, love Andy & Sharon

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**Tribute from Harry & Gail Roberts**

Relation: friends of Betty-Jo & Steve

We remember Betty when she was watching our square and round dances at Kyle Centre. She was a very special lady and I know she will be sorely missed. In Sympathy & Friendship, Harry & Gail

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**Tribute from Sheila Hollands**

Relation: Friend

Betty was a vibrant lady when I met her and Frances at Full Gospel Business Men's Chapters & Conferences. She loved Jesus and wanted to share Him with others. Her love and care for others who were marginalized showed her gracious spirit. Betty always had a smile and encouraging word. She loved & prayed for her family,  
Love & Prayers, Sheila Hollands

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**Tribute from Diane Solursh**

Relation: friend of her daughter, Betty Jo

I remember Mrs. Word best from the years that Betty Jo ("Beege") and I spent as friends in West Vancouver. She would joke about her "three little Words" - Betty Jo, Susan and John. Always such a lady, I smiled at the description in the obituary about her feeding ranch hands while wearing a dress. I'm sure that is true, because I remember her always looking absolutely perfect, and smiling and laughing no matter how much mischief we got into. She was a wonderful mother and she brightened the world for all who were lucky enough to know her.

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**Tribute from dennis & Gladys Wilson**

Relation: Full Gospel Business Men

We were saddened to learn of Betty's death or rather her passing to a world that is even more real than this one. She was a lovely Godly woman and I am sure there was a crown awaiting her in heaven as there was for her husband, France. I know the angels stood to attention when she entered into the presence of her Lord....

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**Tribute from David Giesbrecht**

Relation: Friend of the Family

The photo of her on this website is how remember on a most delightful visit to the ranch sometime in the early 1970. Betty was a gracious hostess and a very animated conversationalist. Her life of witness is an inspiration for all.

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**Tribute from Jim & Barbara Davis**

Relation: We are friends of Betty Word

It was such a blessing knowing Betty through the years. From her camping days through the last cloudy ones. She was always lady.

Jim, Barb & family

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**Tribute from Gwen Wilkinson**

Relation: I was a nurse for Betty.

Betty was always a lady. I only wish I could have met her sooner in life. So much experience and so full of life. Truly a loss here on earth.

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**Tribute from Kimie Otani**

Relation: Friend

My heart-felt sympathies for this sad loss, Betty-Jean was truly an inspiring woman and I am lucky to have had the chance to meet her.

I have a wonderful memory from the time I spent with Betty-Jean, when I visited Betty-Jo in the summer all those years ago. It was Betty-Jean's birthday, and there was a party I went to, where we met. She looked so happy and bright with her big beautiful smile. I remember, she was interested in my black-silk hat, so at the end of the party I gave it to her. Since that time whenever I see a black silk hat I am always reminded of that lovely woman and her lovely smile.

Her apartment in Vancouver, and her hospital in Penticton, both places that are full of happy memories of our time with her and with you.

Noboru and I offer our deepest sympathies to you, Betty-Jo and Steve, and all the family. We know

the pain of losing one you love so much. But we also know Betty Jean is at peace, with that vibrant smile of hers shining down on all of us.

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**Tribute from Ron & Delores Hutzal**

Relation: Friends of Betty and France Word

We remember Betty very well. She was such an elegant lady, with a warm friendly way and an excellent representative for Jesus. Her faith was an encouragement to us and others many times. She will be missed. Our sincere condolences to the family.

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**Tribute from Ed and Ruth Barbin**

Relation: Friends of Betty-Jo, Steve, Susan

We did not meet Mrs. Word until she moved to Oliver to be near her family, but we enjoyed knowing her for that short time. She was a "classy" lady, always dressed beautifully with a flower in her hair. We could see that she was a Godly woman who was aging with dignity. I like to think of her now, with her hand in her husband's, dancing and worshipping before her beloved Jesus. I'm sure her family's sorrow is eased by many wonderful memories. Love and blessings to you.

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**Tribute from Lloyd and Avis Cooper**

Relation: Friends with Betty-Jo and Susan

We met Betty Jean when she moved to Oliver and have been good friends with both Betty-Jo (and Steve) and Susan. What a delight to have had Mrs. Word in our home and listen to many of her stories before she forgot who we were. To all 3 of her children -- you were blessed to have an "Angel Unawares" as your Mom; treasure your memories. She was indeed a Proverbs 31 Woman of God. Our prayers are with you as you come to mind. God bless.

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**Tribute from BARBARA A. WORD**

Relation: I AM JIM WORD'S WIDOW

I AM SO VERY SORRY OF YOUR LOSS AND MY PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL THE FAMILY.GOD BLESS ALL

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**Tribute from The Herle Family**

Relation: she was a very dear customer

We always loved to see Betty and her daughter come into the restaurant. Betty had a very neat sense of humor and was always a lady and dressed as such. She must have been a treasure to all who knew her, as in our short time we grew to look forward to her visits to Smitty's. God Bless and deepest sympathy.

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**Tribute from Marianne Bogan**

Relation: Friend of daughter, Susan

I was blessed to spend time with Mrs. Word during a visit to the Okanagan in the summer of 2007. Even in the throes of Alzheimers she was such an elegant, gracious, gentle lady. Having heard so many stories from her daughter Susan, I wish I could have known her earlier. Cherish your memories.

