



## Elizabeth Dolaghan

July 12, 1931 - May 10, 2013

Elizabeth (Betty) Dolaghan went to be with the Lord at the age of 81 on May 10, 2013. She was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland on July 12, 1931 to Stewart and Mary Connolly. Betty married Tom Dolaghan at the East End Baptist Church in Belfast in 1951. The following year, they immigrated to the United States and started their new life and family in Los Angeles.

Betty and Tom's deep faith in Jesus was evident in their daily choices to care for the needs of others and help those who were looking for God to find Him. In 1963 they moved their young family to Arizona, where they lived and worked on the Navajo reservation for 33 years. Betty was wife and best friend to Tom for 42 years, until his death in 1994. In 1996, Betty moved to Santa Barbara, CA.

Betty's greatest joy was her husband, children, grandchildren, and many friends. She was famous for her hospitality and home cooked meals. She knew how to listen to others and provide wisdom and prayer support when needed. Betty was an accomplished pianist and soloist, as well as a competitive swimmer in her youth.

Betty was preceded in death by her beloved husband, granddaughter Caitlin, and great granddaughter Maddie. She was mother to Mary Beth (Tim), Kathleen (Tim), Ruth (Stan), John (Carol), Thomas, and Jennifer (Max); grandmother to Auston, Alisha, Stewart, Joni, Brook, Luke, James, Peggy, Wilson, Morgan, Chelsey, Timothy, Jacob, David, Katherine, Emi and Ceraul; and great grandmother to Micheal, Logan, Mauli, Ethan, Ella, Dillon and Allie, her greatest earthly treasures. Betty is also loved and missed by her only sibling Iris Walker and her family: Ann Marie, Tom (Darlene), Pam, Dean Allen (Cindy) and Rita (Mike).

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in memory of Elizabeth Dolaghan to: CHIEF ([chief.org](http://chief.org)), Aid Child ([aidchild.org](http://aidchild.org)) or a ministry/charity of your choice.

# Events

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- MAY 25** **Memorial Service** 02:00PM
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- Flagstaff Christian Fellowship  
123 North Beaver Street, Flagstaff, AZ, US, 86001
- JUN 29** **Memorial Service** 02:00PM
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- Calvary Chapel  
1 N. Calle Cesar Chavez, Santa Barbara, CA, US, 93103

# Comments

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“ There are few great people in this life that we meet and Tom and Betty were two of them. This greatness comes not from who they knew or what they possessed, but rather by the many who loved and cherished them and to whom they belonged. Betty was a wonderful example to my wife and I. We had the honor of receiving pre-marital counseling from Tom and Betty and I believe it is one of the main factors for us now being married for more than 27 years. They were both very involved with our wedding and my memory of Betty will always be an enduring legacy that will enrich the lives of our two children. Her love for Christ was always evident, her graciousness, wisdom and love for others will long be remembered. We extend our prayers for grace and peace to her family. I thank the Lord for Betty and her example of the Christ-centered life. Tom Hara

Tom Hara - May 30, 2013 at 07:14 AM

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“ I will forever treasure my Aunt Betty, she will always have a special place in my heart. My fondest memory of her is also one of the funniest moments in my kids life, I can't explain it, only Aunt Betty and I shared the moment (our kids were small babies), I can still see her laughing so hard she could hardly stand, we giggled together and then giggled some more, thinking of that moment right now brings a big smile to my face. My Aunt Betty helped my husband and I with our new born twins about 14 and 1/2 years ago. We were so thankful that she could come and help us, we needed support and she was there for us. I know she isn't suffering any more and that she is in heaven with her family and friends, for that I am thankful. My mom was her only sister, it was always so neat to see them together, it was fun to listen to them tell stories from when they were kids. I know my mom finds comfort in knowing that she isn't suffering any more.

I am thinking of all my cousins now and hoping they know how much we are thinking of them. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of them. Aunt Betty will always be treasured, we are blessed to have been part of her life. Love you Aunt Betty!

Rita, Mike, Hailey and Travis Hiatt

Rita Hiatt - May 20, 2013 at 07:38 PM

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“ Betty Dolaghan, a special an dear sister in Christ and a wonderful friend, She always had a listening ear and shoulder to lean on with her Irish wisdom and God's Word to comfort you with. We shared many meals at Hardrock when Tom came to preach on Sundays. Special, special memories. Rest in the arms of your dear Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. May your children and grandchildren have the peace that passes all understanding in the knowledge they will see you again in heaven.  
John & Caye Courtney

John & Caye Courtney - May 18, 2013 at 08:19 AM

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“ My memories are many of my wonderful friend, Betty. Where do I start? Near the beginning of our friendship which started in the early 1970's seems the best. Soon after DeWaine and I arrived at NGM, I had no way to wash our clothes, so I was invited to use Betty's machine and drier and that became a ritual where I learned much valuable information about the life of a missionary. Many other things come to mind but one of the best times was cooking meals together at El Nathan where we put too much salt in the stew and learned to laugh at our mistakes... Betty was always a great example to me of a surrendered life to the Lord and in the years since retirement and I would call her or she to me, I could always depend that she would give me a scripture where she had been reading the Word. Yes, I will miss her but I will see her soon, again. I love you Betty. Barbara Guldberg

Barbara Guldberg - May 16, 2013 at 10:12 PM



“ Aunt Betty was best friends with my mother, May, growing up in Belfast. They shared many wonderful days growing up at the East End Baptist Church and going through Bible School. I had the wonderful privilege to spend the summer of 1979 with them on the Navajo reservation where they served the Navajo Gospel Mission. Aunt Betty and Uncle Tom introduced me to a rare form of ministry life. Theirs was one of complete self-sacrifice and a desire to help others know Christ's love. They showed me the type of family love that I had missed in my own life as well. My ministry life has been patterned after their life and work and I'm grateful to share the same love with my own husband, Tom, that Aunt Betty and Uncle Tom enjoyed. She continued to help me and advise me through my ministry years and was a comfort when my mother went to heaven in 2008. My heart goes out to all her children that are missing her today. I look forward to meeting her again in Heaven! Our deepest condolences go out to her children. SYDNA MASSE

Sydna (Hawthorne) Masse - May 17, 2013 at 09:52 AM