



## Elizabeth (Betty) D. Nelson

January 13, 1921 - March 17, 2020

### In Loving Memory

Elizabeth (Betty) Dobson Nelson was born on Jan. 13, 1921 in Towanda PA to Lilian Y. Dobson and Dean N. Dobson, joining an older brother Dean Jr. Betty graduated from Columbia High School in Maplewood NJ in 1938. She then attended Wheaton College near Chicago, where she met Jim Nelson. They were married on January 27, 1939. During their marriage, Betty worked alongside Jim in many capacities. Having studied piano from an early age, she served as pianist and organist in churches Jim pastored, most notably 1st Baptist in Flagstaff AZ and Calvary Baptist and Trinity Baptist in Santa Barbara CA. The couple had 3 children, Judy, Beverly, and Jim. In 1989 Jim and Betty retired to Sun City West AZ. There they attended Grace Bible Church where Betty was part-time pianist during their 25 years of attendance there. Jim went to be with the Lord in Jan. 2016 just before their 77th wedding anniversary. After living for a time with her daughter Judy and husband Bob, Betty moved to Morning Star Senior Living in Glendale AZ where she began playing the piano at the dinner hour and also for chapel services on Sunday mornings. Throughout her life she was a faithful wife, mother, and servant of the Lord. She is survived by her 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. She died at age 99 on March 17, 2020. Services will be held at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## Santa Barbara Cemetery

901 Channel Drive  
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

## Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

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“ Betty was such an amazing woman. I will never forget her absolute pride and love of family. I so enjoyed listening to her cherished memories of her life. We shared some wonderful times together the last year and a half of her life. I will always remember her concern for others, her love of music and the gospel, and her great enthusiasm for peanut butter. She so missed her husband and family that preceded her. I only pray that she is at peace with them and the Lord. Thank you Betty for being such a wonderful friend. I miss you.  
Much love,  
Becky Hope (Caregiver)

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“ Very grateful I was able to get to know Betty and be part of her life for a time. She could always make me laugh, I will miss her. Condolences to the family, she loved talking about her wonderful family and she loved you all so much. RIP my sweet lady.  
Carol

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