



Betsy Elliott Thompson Senechal

March 6, 1920 - December 1, 2022

Betsy Elliott Thompson Senechal died Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 102 years of age.

She was born March 6, 1920, in Pacific Grove, California to William Francis and Julia Bell (Shands) Thompson.

She was predeceased by her parents, siblings, and daughter Virginia. She is survived by her sons: Peter (Diana), and John (Anne), 5 grandchildren: James (Julie), Sara (Scott), Jack (Corinne), Will, and Katie (Luis), and 5 great-grandchildren, Danika, Dakota, Eli, Kiera, and Aliya.

Betsy grew up in Seattle, Washington and graduated from the University of Washington. She married her teenage sweetheart Jim Senechal in 1942 before he joined the military for WWII. She worked several wartime jobs until the war ended in 1945. She and Jim then moved to Montana while he attended law school. Jim then rejoined the US Army. The family was stationed in Germany twice, North Carolina twice, and finally in the Virginia suburbs of DC.

She was a dedicated homemaker and raised a family until rejoining the workforce in the Arlington County public schools. After retirement, she and Jim moved to Mars Hill, NC to be closer to family. She was active with the Madison County Arts Council and the League of Women Voters. They moved to Asheville for their final years.

Betsy loved birding, scrapbooking, reading, and classical music. Above all else, she cherished time spent with her family. She was a constant and

consistent support in their lives. She was deeply loved and will be forever missed.

A celebration of her life will be held at 10 am on December 28th at North Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, 962 Old UD Hwy 70, Black Mountain, NC 28711 where burial will follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Betsy's name to Blue Ridge Audubon for the Beaver Lake Bird Sanctuary, POB 18711 Asheville, NC 28814.

Cemetery Details

Western Carolina State Veteran's Cemetery

Old US Hwy. 70
Black Mountain, NC 28711

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

DEC **28**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery Chapel
962 Old US Hwy 70
Black Mountain, NC 28711

Tribute Wall



“ *Betsy Elliott Thompson Senechal*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Sorry for the loss of Betsy. I fondly remember speaking with her on visits when working with her team from CP. Thoughts and prayers are with you all in this difficult time*

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