

Betty Smith Mueller

December 21, 1925 – February 1, 2014

Betty Smith Mueller passed away peacefully on February 1, 2014 at the age of 88 in Santa Monica, California.

She was born in Chicago, Illinois on December 21, 1925.

She worked at the Veteran's Administration in Chicago and in Brentwood, California as a supervising nurse. She later moved to Santa Monica, California.

Betty, an ardent life-long Democrat, was beloved for her activism, her joyous spirit and her boundless energy. She tirelessly volunteered in Tom Hayden's office and staffed the tenant hotline for Santa Monicans for Renter's Rights for ten years. Betty was twice elected to the City's Rent Control Board. She served on the Personnel and Housing Commissions, was a docent at the Getty Center, a board member of her condominium association, and a participant in many other organizations.

She was named Woman of the Year for the 41st Assembly District.

Betty's life was filled with warm friendships. She was a great believer in life-long learning, which helped to keep her young. She attended Emeritus College where she was encouraged as a watercolorist and photographer, and she never missed a concert of the Emeritus band.

Betty is survived by her brother, James Mueller, Peru, Illinois, nieces Lisa Sarver, Schaunberg, Illinois, and Cynthia Hunter, Arlington, Illinois and several grand nieces and nephews.



A MASS WILL BE HELD AT ST. MONICA'S CHURCH, 725 CALIFORNIA AVE, SANTA MONICA, ON FEBRUARY 22ND AT 10 AM. THERE WILL ALSO BE A MEMORIAL GATHERING FOR BETTY ON MARCH 28 AT 7 P.M. AT THE CHURCH IN OCEAN PARK, 235 HILL STREET, SANTA MONICA 90405.

DONATIONS may be made to SMRR, 2633 Lincoln Blvd. #513, Santa Monica, CA 90405, the Santa Monica Democratic Club, P.O. Box 1052 Santa Monica, CA, 90406, or Santa Monica Emeritus College, SMC Foundation, 1900 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90405-1628 (Attn: Emeritus).