



# Betty Jo Canady

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## **Betty Jo Canady**

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**O**n February 15th, 2016, beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and friend Betty Jo Canady passed away from natural causes at her home in Sonora, California. She was 82. Born in Hasty, Arkansas on January 15th, 1934 to Troy and Phyllis Canady, Betty was the eldest of three sisters. She was fiercely devoted to her family, helping to support her parents after her father was injured on the job and unable to work. She retired in 1990 after serving as a school teacher in the Oakland Public Schools system for over thirty-five years. Betty was a proud union member, an unapologetic progressive, and a tremendous lover of animals having cared for one or more pets every day of her life. Since her retirement from Redwood Heights Elementary, she supported dozens of charitable causes including Habitat for Humanity and various Veterans organizations. She was active in the community, working as a docent in Columbia and volunteering her time at the Humane Society thrift store in Sonora. She also was a fervent researcher in documenting her family's ancestry. Betty was preceded in death by her parents and survived by her sisters Dorothy Cosetto and Sharon Berg, brothers-in-law Dan Cosetto and Lloyd Berg, her nephew Andrew Berg, her nieces Deborah Cosetto, Dee Cosetto, and Amy Berg, her grandnephew Nathan Berg, and grandniece Cassidy Berg. Services will be held at 11am on Tuesday, February 23rd at Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward California. In lieu of flowers, a donation in Betty's honor to your local Humane Society would be greatly appreciated.



## Tribute Wall

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**Sunny Seidel** posted:

I am a neighbor (our property backs to each other down the hill) and friend, fellow volunteer at the genealogy library at LDS; Columbia Historical State Park, and the Genealogy Society of Tuolumne County, CA. We occasionally drove each other to meetings and events and sat with each other at meetings frequently. Although I didn't know her relatives, I frequently heard about them especially a nephew. Betty was always exuberant in talking with me about whatever activity she was involved in at the moment. Betty will always be a most fond memory in the 16 years I have known her and I'm so pleased to have known her. Sunny Seidel

February 22 at 5:00 PM

SR

**Shelia Rountree** posted:

Betty was a first cousin to me (Shelia Wheeler Rountree) on my mother's side of the family, her mother Phyllis and my mother Josie being sisters. Genealogy was a great enthusiasm of Betty Jo's, and she served as the family historian, researching multiple family trees. We met Betty in Arkansas many times to research family grave sites and trade genealogy information. We always had a good time. Terry and I thought a lot of Betty Jo, she was a very admirable person and was involved in many charities and other worthy causes. After our retirement in 1999, we visited her when traveling in an RV several times, and really got to know her better as a result. Betty Jo and Aunt Phyllis made us feel welcome and we loved talking about old times and reminiscing about family memories. They had lots of stories and family facts to share. I posted on facebook to let my family know about Betty's passing. My niece Denise Jo Sodowsky posted this: ?I remember when we came back from Okinawa and stayed at Great Aunt Phyllis' house. Grandma (Josie Wheeler) had flown out to meet us. We had a wonderful time. It was a little frightening when Great Aunt Phyllis drove on the highway. The top speed limit in Okinawa was 30 mph and we were going a lot faster than 70 mph on the highway. I remember Betty being there and their kind hospitality.? (Denise is my sister Lillie May's girl.) Most of my family who would remember Betty are deceased, also. Betty will be remembered in our hearts forever. May God bless her family. Terry and Shelia Rountree

February 20 at 5:00 PM



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