

Betty Bradford

It is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of Betty Bradford, who died at home on September 12, 2021 after battling a lengthy illness. Betty was a long-time member of our branch and will best be remembered for her kindness, generosity and fun-loving personality. An avid gardener, she was always so proud of her plantings; and, as a bridge player, she was always a supportive partner. Betty is survived by her children, Jane and Jim. May she rest in peace with her beloved husband, Wally and her son, John, who both pre-deceased her this year. Betty was a 50-year member of AAUW and was past chairperson of our FIG, organized our Christmas Progressive Dinners and always volunteered as host when asked. She loved sharing her shade gardens and her many hosta varieties. Anyone Betty talked to then became her friend.



Betty Bradford and her husband Wally

Betty was also a devoted and well-loved member of the Uwchlan Women's Garden Club. The memorial service for Betty Bradford was held on Saturday, September 18th at 1:00 at the Uwchlan Meeting House in Lionville and also through Zoom. Members contributed flowers to display in Betty's collection of teapots, and members of her family spoke. The Obituary is on the James Terry Funeral Home website. In lieu of flowers please make a memorial contribution to the Uwchlan Conservation Trust, Box 212, Lionville, PA 19353 in Betty's name. Betty will be missed...she loved bringing her Irish knickknacks and Easter bunnies to decorate for our theme meetings. Her hosta garden was amazing. Before her passing she had wanted to have a pop up-garden... *Janet Kane*

"We became close to Betty and Wally in previous summers when we all participated together in Chester County Town and Village walks . . . But for Betty the highlight was undoubtedly the opportunity to invite us back to their home and serve us something she had prepared. She viewed entertaining as fun and was eager for more . . . I remember Betty most for her hospitality. She thrived on entertaining and was eager to open her home to our AAUW and other groups and to individuals. When she talked about AAUW she talked about the fun everyone had together . . . Even Betty's volunteer activities involved food and hospitality. For years she and Wally delivered Meals on Wheels.

In 1976 our AAUW branch published a "Celebration Cook Book" as a special bicentennial project. Betty contributed at least twelve recipes ranging from appetizers to punch to pancakes to cookies to casseroles and salads. The recipes are truly delicious sounding and interesting, but most revealing are the comments Betty included about them . . . Betty looked at every recipe and every meal she prepared as something she could share with others. What a delicious and fitting outlook on life to have! Thanks, Betty, for the recipes, the memories, and the friendship." *Elaine Burgess*