



## Betty Jean Steffen

April 22, 1923 - December 21, 2012

Betty Jean Steffen, 89, of Tallahassee, FL died on December 21, 2012 after a brief illness.

She was born in Barrington, IL, on April 22, 1923, grew up in Hibbing, MN, and lived in Southern Minnesota and Wisconsin until she moved to Tallahassee in 1973. After obtaining her bachelor's and master's at Mankato State University in Mankato, MN, she worked as a secretary, parish worker, high school teacher, and guidance counselor until she retired at age 70.

Betty's lifelong love was music. Growing up she played French horn in her father's school band, sang with the Minneapolis symphony, and was a member of several church choirs. A charter member of Grace Lutheran Church, she formed their chancel choir and served as director for 19 years. In 2001, Betty joined the Music Makers of the Tallahassee Newcomer's Club and before long began directing the group. She sang and directed with the Music Makers for 11 years.

Betty traveled extensively, visiting places such as Egypt, Greece, England, Ireland, Micronesia and even lived for a year in Central Mexico. She loved life and was always ready for a new adventure.

She was preceded in death by her father Harry O. Steffen, her mother Metta

Steffen, and her brother Harry E. Steffen. Survivors include nephew Erik Steffen, his wife Evelyn, their two children Eldonna and Easton, and a host of friends.

A celebration of Betty's life will be held on Sunday, December 23rd, 2012 at 2pm at Bevis Funeral Home (850/385.2193). Visitation will be one hour prior. A reception will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Big Bend Hospice, ASPCA, or a favorite charity.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 John Knox Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 385-2193

## Service

DEC **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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**Jason Jones** - December 23, 2012 at 11:16 AM

JA

*for those who loved Auntie Betty's laughter...*

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**Jason** - December 23, 2012 at 11:24 AM

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“ *Betty was one of a kind, an inspiration to everyone she met. I am so grateful to have been able to spend time with her, laughing, telling stories and more laughing. What a delightful soul!*  
*Jeanne Ireland*

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**Jeanne Ireland** - December 22, 2012 at 02:22 PM

VP

“ *I will remember Betty for her warm smile, quick wit, kindness and zest for life. She was a joy to be around!*

*Vanessa*

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**Vanessa J. Pinto** - December 22, 2012 at 12:04 PM

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“ *Vanessa J. Pinto lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Steffen*



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**Vanessa J. Pinto** - December 22, 2012 at 08:17 AM