



## Elizabeth C. Case

November 19, 1917 - April 1, 2010

Case, Elizabeth C. (nee Compton) PITTSFORD: Betty, age 92, died in the early morning on April 1, 2010 at Highland Hospital in the loving presence of her daughter, Carol Case Siracuse, and her dear friend, Dr. Kelli Mok. She is survived by her daughter, Carol; son-in-law; Tom Palamuso of Buffalo, NY; granddaughters, Cynn timer Gaasch of Buffalo, and Elizabeth Mae Wenger of Wilmington, NC; and step-grandson, Michael Palamuso of Washington DC; her sister, Agnes C. Stierwald of Cape Cod, Mass; nieces and nephews and their families, Susan Larosa, Stephen and John Spencer, all of the Philadelphia area, Rebecca Spencer of Vashon Island, WA, Jonathan and Bill Stierwald of St. Paul, Minn., Joan Shrewsbury of Guilford, Conn., and Cynthia Cole of Lexington, KY. She also leaves behind her Praying Sisters, and countless other beloved friends. Predeceased by her parents, the Rev. Dr. William C. Compton, and Elizabeth Mae Compton; by her husband of 65 years, Edmund B. Case; and her younger sister, Charlotte C. Spencer, Betty was born in 1917 in Rochester, NY where she lived most of her life. She grew up with her two sisters in the rectory of Ascension Church, graduated from John Marshall High School, and went on to graduate from RIT before attending William Smith College, and studying art at the Albright School in Buffalo. She worked as an artist in the advertising department at Sibleys before marrying Ed Case in 1940. Betty was known for her creativity as an artist and designer, especially for her watercolors of homes and local landmarks. She expressed her thoughtful serenity and subtle sense of design and color in everything she touched, from her cherished home on Bonnie Brae Ave in Brighton, to the renovations of the interiors, chancel, sanctuary and stained glass windows at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, and lastly in her uniquely personal apartment at the Highlands in Pittsford. Love for her communities of friends at St. Thomas Episcopal Church and the Highlands filled her last years. Her deep loyalties, trusting belief in the equality and value of all people, and dedication to giving of time and talent grew from the values instilled in her by her parents, her husband Ed, and her church. In her middle years she served as president of the William Smith Alumnae Association, and helped found and served as first president of the Womens Board at Highland Hospital where she also volunteered. At St. Thomas she served on the Vestry, the design and capital improvements committees, and was devotions chair for 5th Chapter. She thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Newcomers

Commission. At the Episcopal Church Home she was a member of the Womens Auxiliary, and volunteered in the Tip Top Shop until her death. The family wishes to extend their appreciation to the nursing and patient care staff on 5E, 6E, and 6W at Highland Hospital, and at the Rehab Center at the Episcopal Church Home. Our sincere thanks go out to Dr. Kevin McCormick for his attentive gentle care and belief in Betty Case. A memorial service and reception celebrating Betty Cases life will be held Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 2:00 pm at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 2000 Highland Ave., Rochester, NY 14618. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Thomas Episcopal Church or the Episcopal Church Home, 505 Mt. Hope Ave., Rochester, NY 14620. To light a candle in Elizabeth's memory visit [www.anthonychapels.com](http://www.anthonychapels.com).

# Comments

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“ Sending peace and comfort to your family. What a remarkable woman.

**Joanna** - April 16, 2010 at 07:29 PM

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“ Carol, I always enjoyed seeing your mother, whether with you at Talbots, or at CVS. She was interesting, gentle and upbeat. I remember both your parents taught us in Sunday School. I'm thinking of you and your family.

**Sally Stahlbrodt Whitbeck** - April 13, 2010 at 03:15 PM

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“ Betty's service was lovely. Carol, One other thing you could have said about your Mom is that she made the best coleslaw in the world. It was my favorite!

**Pat Farfaglia** - April 12, 2010 at 12:02 AM

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“ Betty was a dear neighbor and beloved fellow parishoner. When I first became a lector, she told me that I had read wonderfully but that Ed couldn't hear me very well. Since then, I've always projected my voice so Ed can hear me even in heaven--I'll do that for Betty too. I miss her very much

**Ruth Cheavacci** - April 09, 2010 at 12:41 PM

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“ My rememberances of Betty are many. neighbors four houses away on Birr St. her daughter Carol and my daughter were friends. She was a wonderful person,

**Mida** - April 08, 2010 at 08:41 PM

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“ My dear Aunt Betty is a vital part of the infamous Compton sister trio; the power of three, Agnus, Betty and Charlotte! All three sister's each gave birth to a daughter, Carol, Susie and Rebecca. The Compton sister's passage of life, while on earth and from heaven above, resonates through an illuminating spirit and profound eloquence that will forever be the inner strength and foundation of their sons and daughters in our blossoming family tree. I'm certain, Betty and Charlotte are already having tea with the angels! All Blessings! Love, Rebecca

Rebecca Spencer - April 08, 2010 at 04:42 PM

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“ Dear Carol and family, I am so sorry you have lost Betty. She was and will remain in my memory one of the most supportive and lovely persons. I am so grateful for all she did and was. Love Karen

Karen Noble Hanson - April 08, 2010 at 04:17 PM

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“ Betty was always so very friendly and gracious. We first met her when Ed became a Sojourner House board member. Our friendship grew as we would meet at social events--always enjoying our time with her. She was so very beautiful in both form and spirit--we know she will be truly missed by all who knew her and loved her. Our deepest sympathy for all of you. She was so very special.

Rosie & Bob Hughes - April 06, 2010 at 12:03 AM

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“ You will be remembered for your friendliness and beautiful smile. The GAP Staff

Diane Schmitt - April 04, 2010 at 10:16 PM

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“ Betty, you brightened this world for all who knew you. Your energy, presence and grace will be missed.

Thomas G. Clark - April 04, 2010 at 03:06 PM