Betty Layne

Betty Joe Owens Layne, age 85 of Stuart's Ferry, Va. died peacefully at Augusta Health in Fishersville on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. Her last days were spent surrounded by her loving family and close friends.

Betty was born in Bramwell, West Virginia on November 3, 1926, the middle child of seven children born to Terry G. and Lillian Dae Allen Owens. Betty was proud of her West Virginia heritage, and maintained her love for the coal mining town throughout her life. She graduated from Bramwell High School in 1944, after which she went to work in Washington D.C. as a typist for the FBI.

Betty married her high school sweetheart, Robert Layne, on Christmas Day, 1945, where she met her first husband, Forrest. They were married in 1953. In 1955, she gave birth to their first of three children, Alison. Shortly after, the family moved to Waynesboro, Va. In 1974, Betty was diagnosed with diabetes, and her health began to decline. After several years of fighting, Betty passed away in 1984 at the age of 57.

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