



# Bette Kittel Rimsky

SEP 13, 1946 - SEP 2, 2020



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**B**ette Kittel Rimsky, 73, of Annapolis passed from this life to be with our Lord on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at Anne Arundel Medical Center.

Born on September 13, 1946 in Wayne, NJ she was the daughter of the late Erich and Charlotte Kittel. A 1964 graduate of Wayne Valley High School, she attended Hiram College in Ohio graduating with a degree in Elementary Education in 1968. After short periods in Philadelphia and Bradford, Bette moved to Pittsburgh, PA around 1972 where she taught for 32 years at Washington School for the Mount Lebanon school district.

Bette found her special guy in 1998 and was married to Gerald A. Rimsky in 2000. In nearly 20 years of marriage, Jerry and Bette spent their golden years traveling extensively, taking 19 cruises and many other trips throughout Europe, Asia and the United States. Two of her favorite places to be were in the mountains of Colorado and on Marco Island, FL where she spent many winter months searching for seashells.

A few years after her retirement in 2004, love of family brought Bette to Annapolis, MD in 2007 to be near her step-daughter's family. She enjoyed being part of her grandchildren's lives by attending school performances, volunteering in their schools and playing boardgames. She became very active in the Heritage Harbour community and found many friends in various golf, book, bridge and baby boomer clubs.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald Rimsky; step-daughter, Andrea Rimsky Horning and her husband Steve; three wonderful grandchildren, Emma, Andy and Lily Horning; sister, Judy Yancey and her husband Ken; four special nieces Jennifer Tabelon, Wendy Peterson, Bonni Arjona and Sherrie Beres; and many grand-nieces and nephews.

Bette will be remembered at Lasting Tributes located on Bestgate Road, in Annapolis. Viewings will be from 2-3 PM and 6-8 PM on Tuesday September 8th. Funeral service at 3 PM (limited



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seating for family). Donations in memory of Bette are being accepted at First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis.

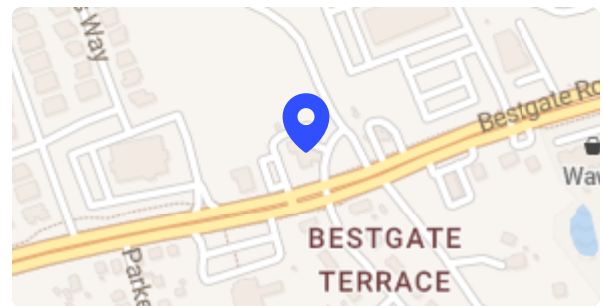


### Visitation

 **Tuesday**, September 8, 2020


 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET


 **Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care**  
814 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis MD 21401

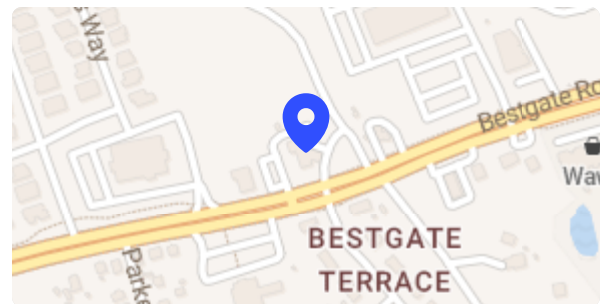


### Service

 **Tuesday**, September 8, 2020

 3:00 PM ET


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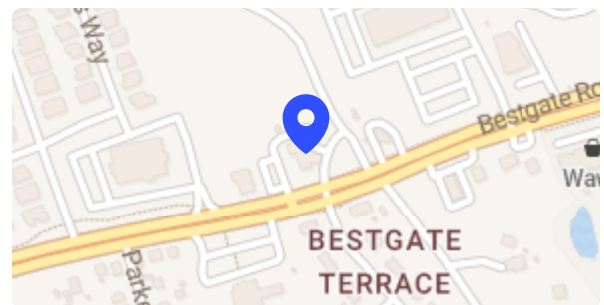


### Visitation

 **Tuesday**, September 8, 2020

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care**  
814 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis MD 21401

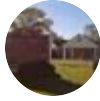




## Tribute Wall

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**Lasting Tributes** shared a **Webcast Video**.



September 5 at 5:57 AM



**Sue Watson** posted:

A gentle spirit and a good friend. Spent many years as flower show buddies, catching up and taking in the beauty. What a lovely presents to all who knew you.

September 13 at 4:58 AM



**Joseph Rimsky** posted:

We share in the sadness of Bette's sudden loss and are left with the warm memories of our annual dinners in Marco Island during February. Bette's patience with my and Jerry's discussions about our fathers who were brothers, and their and our lives growing up In Duquesne in the shadows of the blast furnaces, accompanied by smells and smoky haze of from the blast furnaces was simply amazing, especially so as we talked about my Uncle Curly's service and exploits with Patton's Third Army during World War II for hours on end. Our love of history and reading enabled us to reconnect many years after we left childhood behind and set forth on new and different paths, and ironically it was in Marco that we we refreshed our relationship. Sitting through all this was Bette and my wife, Mary Lou, smiling amiably while undoubtedly harboring thoughts of "do we have to listen to this again?"Bette was a trooper and obviously shared Jerry's love of travel; who wore her love for Jerry and devotion to family proudly.We will miss seeing her smile and we pray for Jerry's strength during these difficult times and we are thankful that Andrea and Steve, and now especially Andy who willl be there to comfort and help Jerry navigate a course of healing through sorrow. Not an easy task!Bless you,Cuz! We love you and while we could not attend today"s service, we watched on line and now share in your heartache. Thank you, Andrea for keeping us in the loop!

September 8 at 12:09 PM



**Kathleen Savage** posted:

Dear Jerry, Andrea and Family,What a beautiful heartfelt service and remembrance. So full of love! Bette was kind and generous, intelligent and fun loving. She will be missed by her many friends in Book Club, on the Golf Course and in the neighborhood.God Bless Bette and God Bless You All,Kathy Savage

September 8 at 11:52 AM



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PH

**Pat Hoag** posted:

Thank you Bette for sharing your love and grace with Jerry, Andrea, Steve, Emma, Andy and Lilly. Although you married Jerry with a family already started, the love both given and received could not be any greater. Your life was a blessing to everyone. Rest with our Lord. Pat & Eric Hoag

September 8 at 11:49 AM

CB

**Carol Barnes** posted:

I'm a part of a Bridge group and golf friend of Bette! We were also neighbors. My heart goes out to the family and friends at this unexpected passing. She was a gentle and considerate person who will be missed.

September 8 at 10:59 AM

LF

**Linda Felker** posted:

I have so many happy memories of Betty Jane while we were at Hiram College. In February Jerry and Betty Jane stayed with us for two nights in Jacksonville Beach, FL, en route to Marco Island to host two other Hiram classmates. The four of us had such a good time. Lots of laughs. I feel blessed that we had this time together. The news of Betty Jane's passing is such a sad shock. Both Chris and I send our deepest condolences to Jerry. Linda Felker

September 8 at 10:51 AM

NW

**Noreen Williams** posted:

Bette was my dear friend for 40 years. We shared so many great memories together over the years. Earl and I loves visiting Bette and Jerry in Annapolis and Marco Island. They always welcomed us into their home. You will be greatly missed my dear friend. Save us a spot in heaven next to you. Our sympathy to Jerry and his family and Bette's family. Love, Noreen and Earl.

September 8 at 10:27 AM

SE

**Sally Ehrle** posted:

My sympathy to Jerry and family members. Bette's presence and thoughts will be missed by members of our book club. She was thoughtful and a pleasure to be around. She enjoyed travel and time with Jerry and family. Rest in peace, Bette Sally Ehrle

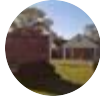
September 8 at 7:21 AM



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**Lasting Tributes** shared an album called **Service Program**.



September 8 at 4:18 AM



**Pat Reagan** posted:

Bette Rimsky made a difference in life. She made a difference in the lives of everyone who knew her. Bette set examples of dignity, honesty, and showing clarity in what she said and did. Bette knew herself and shared her talents willingly. Bette was in our book club for ten years. We could always count on the books Bette suggested as being interesting, enlightening and insightful. Bette never clamored for talk-time or attention at our monthly book club. When she voiced her opinions, they were well-founded, offered with deep and wide perspective. She hosted book club in their beautiful home once a year, and she was an unassuming gracious hostess. Her home was beautiful and comfortable. When Bette led a book discussion we learned and gained from her research and knowledge. One could guess that Bette was an excellent teacher by profession. Her attention was on inclusion, fairness, leading the curiosity of others, with an openness to diverse opinions. Bette was interested in others while being a private person. If you were in her realm she had time for you. Most of us who have come to live in Heritage Harbour, an over-55 community, came from other places as did the Rimsky's. Friendships made in new retired lives became important to Bette and Jerry and to all of us. On the golf course, in our book club, and at social gatherings Bette will be greatly missed. Her smile was like a light, welcoming and bright. We will remember her with fondness. Pat Reagan

September 7 at 4:26 PM



**Pat Reagan** lit a candle in honor of Bette.



September 7 at 4:12 PM



**Shannon Flynn** posted:

Dear Mr. Rimsky, Andrea, Steve, Emma, Andy & Lily~Mrs. Rimsky left such a beautiful and heartwarming legacy with her dear family and friends. God has a beautiful Angel shining the light of love and strength on your family. Peace and prayers to you the entire Kittel/Rimsky Family! Love, Shannon

September 7 at 11:12 AM



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**Mrs. James M. Flynn, Sr.** posted:

Dear Jerry, Andrea, Steve & Family, Words cannot express the sorry that our hearts feel at the news of Bette's passing. She was a constant friend to many and a joy to be around. I still remember the day Bette and Grandma Rimsky showed up with a lovely dinner after I had surgery. Such beautiful neighbors! With love and prayers, Rosemary Flynn & Family

September 7 at 10:57 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Rimsky family.



September 6 at 5:52 AM



**Bonnie Arjona** shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Thankful for all the fond Memories with Aunt Bette...



September 4 at 11:57 AM



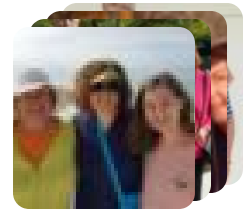
**Laurel Scott** posted:

Bette was a lovely lady. She enriched our book club with her insights. Her family was central to her life and she treasured them greatly. Laurel Scott

September 5 at 9:52 AM



**Andrea Horning** shared an album called **GranB.**



September 4 at 11:57 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Rimsky family.



September 4 at 1:16 PM



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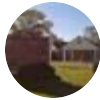
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**Tom Sweeney** posted:

Bette was such a sweet lady who will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this very difficult time. Much love, Helen and Tommy

September 4 at 11:57 AM



**Lasting Tributes** shared a **Webcast Video**.

September 5 at 5:57 AM



**JT**

**Jenna Tabelon** September 8 at 12:02 PM

Nathan and I were able to watch the livestream from Colorado. So nice to be with you all virtually, though we wish we could have been there to give everyone a hug. Aunt Bette will be dearly missed and we will always remember her kindness, generosity and thoughtfulness. Our love and prayers to Jerry, Steve & Andrea and family.

**LS**

**Laurel Scott** September 8 at 11:25 AM

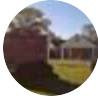
I was able to view some of the service while traveling. Lovely!



## Media

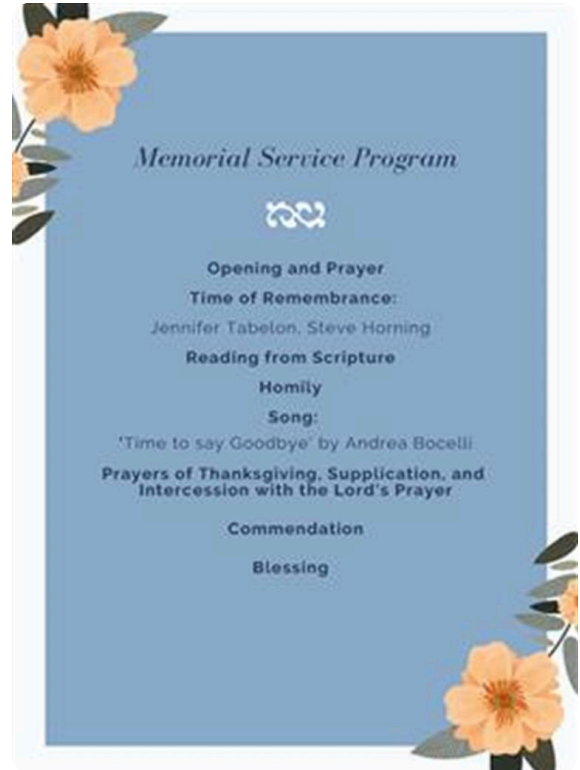
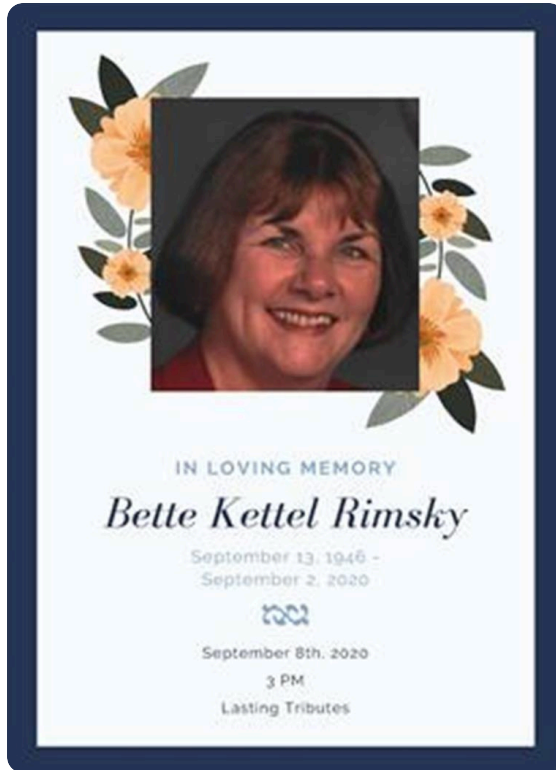
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**Lasting Tributes** shared 2 photos to the **Service Program** album.

September 8 at 4:18 AM





Bonnie Arjona shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

September 5 at 4:26 PM





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BA





Andrea Horning shared 7 photos to the **GranB** album.

September 4 at 6:15 PM



Lily 5th grade promotion 2019



Emma's Gold Award Ceremony 2019



South River High School Football 2019



Easter 2019



Marco Island 2020



Lily's Dance Recital 2019



Hamilton in NYC



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bette by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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