

## Calvert County's Betty Lou Fowler dies

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### **Bernie and Betty Fowler waded in the Patuxent River with family and friends during the 2014 Wade-In.**

**Prince Frederick, MD** - Betty Lou Fowler, the wife of former state senator and Calvert County Commissioner Bernie Fowler, died Monday evening, Nov. 5 at her home. This past June, despite being ill, Mrs. Fowler attended the annual wade-in her husband hosts at Jefferson Patterson Park in St. Leonard. She left before the gathering waded into the Patuxent River but thanked the attendees for their devotion to her family's mission to restore the river to its once-pristine state. After her remarks she received a sustained standing ovation from the attendees.

*The following is from Rausch Funeral Home, which is handling arrangements.*

Betty Lou Fowler, 85, went to be with her heavenly Father on November 5th, 2018, at her home surrounded by her family.

Betty was born in Durham, North Carolina, on October 3rd, 1933, the daughter of Harry and Ruth Holden. She and her family relocated to Washington DC, where she grew up. Her family would regularly visit Broomes Island, Maryland, on the weekends, where at "Bernie's Boats" she met the love of her life, Bernie Fowler Sr. She and Bernie were married on September 9, 1949, and together shared 69 years of uncompromising love where she devoted herself to supporting her family. She was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church and above all loved our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She lived her life in service to him, and will be remembered for her unwavering faith, caring compassion, amazing grace, unflinching strength, and devoted love. She was a prayer warrior, and even in her final days was constantly interceding for others. The watchwords of her life were Faith, Hope and Love.

She is survived by her husband Bernie, her daughters Mona Lisa Monsma (Michael), Lora Lee Fowler, Betty "BB" Forrester (Steve), and son Bernier Fowler Jr. (Rose), grandchildren Steve Forrester Jr. (Monica), Karla Osburn (Richard), Kristi Wood, Ryan Forrester, Stacy Davidson (Greg), Lauren Fowler, Cody Fowler, Hailey Fowler, and seven great grandchildren, Alyssa Osburn, Alex Osburn, Rebecca Forrester, Steve Forrester III, Seth Forrester, Carter Dailey, and Avalee Davidson, as well as many nieces and nephews, She was predeceased by her father and mother, and her brothers Henry, Billy, and Richard Holden.

The Celebration of her life will be held Saturday, November 17th, 2018, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Prince Frederick at 1 PM. Visitation will be held for the public from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to the Service. A private interment with the family will be held later. Betty's final request was that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Calvert Hospice or Farming 4 Hunger to help people in need. Arrangements by Rausch Funeral Homes, Port Republic

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