



ELIZABETH "BETTY JANE" CLEAVER

June 8, 1943 - January 30, 2026

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS MEMORIAL DONATIONS MAY BE MADE IN
ELIZABETH'S NAME TO:

MILTON FIRST AID SQUAD
45 MILTON ROAD
OAK RIDGE, NJ 07438

VISITATION:

FRIDAY: FEBRUARY 6, 2026

2PM TO 4PM

7PM TO 9PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

PRAYER SERVICE:

SATURDAY: FEBRUARY 7, 2026

10AM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

ENTOMBMENT:

SATURDAY: FEBRUARY 7, 2026

FOLLOWING PRAYER SERVICE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY (MAUSOLEUM)

174 NORTH CHURCH ROAD
FRANKLIN, NJ 07416

Elizabeth "Betty Jane" J. Cleaver, 82 years, of Oak Ridge, NJ, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Friday, January 30, 2026 at Newton Medical Center.

She was born on June 8, 1943 in Paterson, NJ to the late Margaret (nee Post) Whritenour and the late Cyrus Whritenour.

Betty Jane married Donald Cleaver, the love of her life, in 1962. In August they would have celebrated 64 years together.

Her family were devoted parishioners of St. Joseph's Church in West Milford, NJ.

She volunteered for more than 30 years as an Emergency Medical Technician; an active life time member of the Milton First Aid Squad, where she held various offices, including Captain. She held multiple positions within the Twelfth District of the EMS Council of New Jersey / New Jersey State First Aid Council. Betty Jane was a former member of the Jefferson Twp. Fire Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary. She also volunteered her time as Chaplain for the local emergency services.

Betty Jane will best be remembered as a loving wife and mother.

She was predeceased by her dear parents Margaret and Cyrus Whritenour; her loving aunt and lifelong best friend Julia Vreeland; and adored twin great granddaughters Cecilia and Leia Gruber.

Betty Jane is survived by her beloved husband Donald Cleaver; her loving

children Elizabeth Cochenour, David Cleaver and his wife Monique, Bill Cleaver and his wife Tammy, Diana Gliganic and her husband Chris, and Jennifer Johnson and her husband Antonio Duran; her cherished grandchildren Melissa Cochenour, Erica Santeramo; Matthew, Thomas, and Emily Cleaver; Daniel and Jeffrey Cleaver; Samantha Gruber; and Raelyn and Logan Duran; her adored great grandchildren Joseph "JJ" Santeramo and Aofia Santeramo; as well as many nephews.

The family will receive visitors on Friday: February 6, 2026 from 2-4pm and 7pm to 9pm at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435.

The prayer service will take place on Saturday: February 7, 2026 at 10am at the funeral home, followed by the entombment at Immaculate Conception Cemetery (Mausoleum), 174 North Church Road, Franklin, NJ 07416.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Elizabeth's name to: Milton First Aid Squad, 45 Milton Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Nataliya Pavkovitch RN for all of her caring assistance over the past 2 years. We would also like to thank the staff at Newton Medical Center floors one south and two south for the care and compassion shown to Elizabeth and her family in her final days.

On line condolences and directions: www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home
187 La Rue Road
(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)
Newfoundland, NJ 07435
(973) 697-6700
info@sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com
<https://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

FEB 6. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Prayer Service

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Mausoleum Entombment

FEB 7. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM.

Immaculate Conception Cemetery
Franklin, NJ

Tribute Wall

NG

“ Nicole G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of ELIZABETH "BETTY JANE" CLEAVER.

Nicole G. - February 09 at 02:56 PM

ES

“ Erica S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of ELIZABETH "BETTY JANE" CLEAVER.

Erica S. - February 06 at 07:38 PM

TB

“ Tammy Kane, Hannah V, Michele H, Mary B purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of ELIZABETH "BETTY JANE" CLEAVER.



Tammy Kane, Hannah V, Michele H, Mary B - February 05 at 10:13 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of ELIZABETH "BETTY JANE" CLEAVER.



February 04 at 04:01 PM

BC

“ *Bill & Tammy Cleaver purchased the Treasured Lies Spray for the family of ELIZABETH "BETTY JANE" CLEAVER.*



Bill & Tammy Cleaver - February 03 at 05:15 PM

TF

“ *The Palagano Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of ELIZABETH "BETTY JANE" CLEAVER.*



The Palagano Family - February 03 at 09:10 AM

TF

“ *The Palagano Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of ELIZABETH "BETTY JANE" CLEAVER.*

The Palagano Family - February 03 at 09:10 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of ELIZABETH "BETTY JANE" CLEAVER.*



February 02 at 10:30 PM

JA

“ JTFD 1 Ladies Aux purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of ELIZABETH "BETTY JANE" CLEAVER.



JTFD 1 Ladies Aux - February 02 at 05:30 PM

OS

“ On behalf of everyone at Sensormatic purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of ELIZABETH "BETTY JANE" CLEAVER.



On behalf of everyone at Sensormatic - February 02 at 05:25 PM

OS

“ On behalf of everyone at Sensormatic planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of ELIZABETH "BETTY JANE" CLEAVER.

On behalf of everyone at Sensormatic - February 02 at 05:25 PM

DE

“ David, monique, matthew, thomas , emily purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of ELIZABETH "BETTY JANE" CLEAVER.



David, monique, matthew, thomas , emily - February 02 at 05:02 PM

DE

“ David, monique, matthew, thomas , emily planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of ELIZABETH "BETTY JANE" CLEAVER.

David, monique, matthew, thomas , emily - February 02 at 05:02 PM

TF

“ The Tibbetts Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of ELIZABETH "BETTY JANE" CLEAVER.



The Tibbetts Families - February 02 at 02:54 PM

CS

“ Connie, Pierre and Natalie Soulier purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of ELIZABETH "BETTY JANE" CLEAVER.



Connie, Pierre and Natalie Soulier - February 02 at 10:25 AM

CS

“ Connie, Pierre and Natalie Soulier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of ELIZABETH "BETTY JANE" CLEAVER.

Connie, Pierre and Natalie Soulier - February 02 at 10:25 AM

DS

“ *Deborah S. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of ELIZABETH "BETTY JANE" CLEAVER.*



Deborah S. - February 02 at 10:19 AM

IV

“ *Irene,Ed,Nicole,Colby & Victoria purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of ELIZABETH "BETTY JANE" CLEAVER.*



Irene,Ed,Nicole,Colby & Victoria - January 31 at 05:25 PM