



Elizabeth "Betty" Gutchess

October 26, 1939 - July 20, 2025

Elizabeth "Betty" Gutchess, 85, of Camillus passed away on July 20, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Syracuse, Betty graduated from West Genesee High School in 1957, where she was voted "most humorous" by her classmates. Betty loved being a mom and she cared for her four children at home until they started school. She worked part-time in a dental office before accepting a full-time position in customer service at Niagara Mohawk. She was a "Nai-Mo girl" for 15 years before retiring, but still maintained her lunch dates with the girls long after.

Forever the spunky and independent type, Betty moved from Camillus to the Baldwinsville area about 6 years ago. She had a way of turning neighbors and acquaintances into friends wherever she went. Betty genuinely enjoyed gardening, traveling, reading, and summers at camp by the lake. She was a long-time member of Taunton Memorial Presbyterian Church and an advocate for Howlett Hill Cemetery. More than anything, she loved spending time with her family.

She was predeceased by her parents, Stewart and Reba Peenstra, her brother Edward Peenstra, her former husband of 40 years, F. Fredrick Gutchess, and her son, Mark Gutchess.

Betty is survived by; son Scott Gutchess of Marietta; daughters Sherri Jordan

of North Carolina and Kara (Robert) Tucker of Marietta; grandchildren Marissa (Steve), Megan (Andrew), Robert III, Joanne (Jack), Ben (Mary), Levi (Makenzie), McKenzie and Hunter; great-granddaughter, Callie, and proudly has another great-grandchild on the way. She is also survived by her sisters, Barb and Linda, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be Thursday, July 24 from 4 to 7 pm at B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee St., Camillus. Services will be Friday, July 25 at 11 am at the funeral home. Burial will be at Howlett Hill Cemetery in Camillus.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Howlett Hill Cemetery Association, 3882 Split Rock Road, Camillus, NY 13031 for the continued beautification of the cemetery.

Please sign her guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Cemetery Details

Howlett Hill Cemetery

3209 Howlett Hill Road
Camillus, NY 13031
(315) 673-3075

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 24. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home
10 W. Genesee Street
Camillus, NY 13031
(315) 672-3400
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Service

JUL 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments created a Tribute Video in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Gutchess*



B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - July 24, 2025 at 04:37 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - July 23, 2025 at 04:23 PM

JP

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family on the passing of Betty. She was well known to our family through church and working at Morey's Mill. She was always a hard worker and fun to be around. The world was a better place because of her. Janice Morey Pedersen*

Janice Pedersen - July 23, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Gutchess.*



July 23, 2025 at 09:59 AM



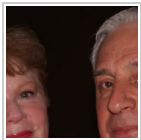
“ *Betty, affectionally called "Old Woman" by many of the people who were blessed enough to have worked with her, will be missed. She was an incredible human being, beautiful inside and out. I will miss our outings to the Inn Between Restaurant. Kara, Jennifer, and family, I will keep you all in prayers. God bless you all at this difficult time and incredible loss.*

Jodie Norton-Langer - July 22, 2025 at 01:39 PM



I miss my sister so so much. I think of her often and don't know how to live without her 💔

Barbara Kuss - August 23, 2025 at 04:48 PM



“ *Our condolences to the Gutchess family. So many great memories of Betty and our children growing up on Willowwood Lane. Thinking of all of you.*

Dominic and Mary Ficarra and family

Mary Ficarra - July 22, 2025 at 12:08 PM

LR

“ Lori R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth "Betty" Gutchess.

Lori R. - July 22, 2025 at 12:02 PM

LB

“ Our condolences to Betty's family. Betty was a sweet and gentle person, I had the pleasure of knowing her for a long time. We use to tease each other who was the favorite grandmother, we shared 2 granddaughters, Marissa and Megan. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Lynda & Chuck Bankey & Family

Lynda Bankey - July 22, 2025 at 11:48 AM

KL

“ Dear Gutchess family
Our deepest sympathy for your loss of a very sweet lady.
I knew Betty very well at Taunton Memorial church.
Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. 🙏
Mike and Kathy Ladd

Kathy Ladd - July 22, 2025 at 09:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elizabeth "Betty" Gutchess.

July 22, 2025 at 08:54 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Gutchess.*



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