



## Betty Lou Pairan

July 2, 1932 - December 1, 2015

Betty L. Pairan, 83, passed away on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at her home in Orlando, Florida. Mrs. Pairan, the former Betty Linn, married Raymond D. Pairan in Cincinnati, Ohio and celebrated 59 years of marriage prior to Mr. Pairan's passing in 2009. Mrs. Pairan raised two children, Raymond and Jeffrey and, as a family, they visited all 50 states during her lifetime. Key to her success in life were her intelligence (she graduated from Madeira High School in Cincinnati in just three years), resilience and fearless abandon when it came to challenges in her and her husband's life.

In 1961, Mr. and Mrs. Pairan moved from Cincinnati, Ohio so that Mr. Pairan could ultimately take a position at National Airlines in Miami, which merged into Pan American World Airways during his tenure with the firm. Not desiring to be a "stay at home mom" Betty decided to strike out on her own in forming her own successful career. She did this repeatedly throughout her life, first serving at Gruen Watch Company (known as Time Hill in Cincinnati) in WWII in the development of aviation instruments that required that she secure a National Security Clearance, to her greatest success, which she achieved by joining a company in Miami formed in the mid-1960's by two entrepreneurs, Jay T. Malina and Mitchell Tress, the former of which formed the company's name, Anilam Electronics, by reversing the spelling of his last name. Betty started at Anilam under the auspices of "make this business seem larger than it is" and, in response, answered the telephones using various voices for the

different "department heads" of the company for customers to speak to when they called in to discuss sales inquiries with the owners of the firm. She rose from this humble beginning to become the firm's first and only Controller. The firm grew from three employees to more than 100, until the firm's sale to American LaFrance, after which she retired. Mrs. Pairan, once again, much later in life, emulated these skill sets as an accountant of Gallenstein Construction a position that she adored for both the ability to serve a family-owned business of scale and to develop lifelong friendships with the firm's owners that persisted until her passing.

Being a true matriarch, Mrs. Pairan not only had a successful business career, she also spared no measure in the raising of her children, for which Raymond and Jeffrey will always be grateful. Mrs. Pairan is survived by Raymond and Jeffrey Pairan of New Braunfels, Texas and Orlando, Florida, respectively. Her couragousness, vitality, and, most importantly the love for her grandchildren, Christian Pairan and Michelle Pairan, will be missed by all who knew her while she was in this life. In this difficult time, we rejoice that Betty and Ray are, together, once again.

With the most heartfelt love and admiration, we miss you Mom.

Jeffrey Pairan and Raymond Pairan

Service Information:

In respect of Mrs. Pairan's wishes, a formal funeral service will not be held. Rather, a small family service -- to be attended by her family and friends that knew and loved her -- will be held at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery (<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/capecanaveral.asp>), at a date to be announced after arrangements are completed.

In lieu of flowers, the surviving family requests consideration of a small donation to SAVE.org at <http://www.SAVE.org>.

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“ We are truly sorry for Jeff and Ray's loss of their mother. Jeff has shared many stories of their family on vacations seeing much of the country. It is evident that Betty and Ray Sr. instilled in Jeff and Ray that life is to be enjoyed and shared with others. Betty was a wonderful grandmother and the kids will miss her and the joy she brought to them.

Parents are the guide for their children to grow, learn and become a positive influence for others and to share those values with others. Betty and Ray were themselves influential people in their lives, their work and their sons and grand children. Their passing is saddening but there is also the knowledge that they both provided a family with love and support that will continue on which is a great reflection on Betty and Ray.

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