



## Elizabeth Blanche Mato Ferner

September 27, 1935 - February 5, 2016

ELIZABETH "BETTY" (MATOTT) FERNER September 27, 1935 ~ February 5, 2016 Elizabeth Matott was born in Albany, New York. She graduated from Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Albany. In 1959, Betty moved to Boston to attend Boston University School of Nursing. She graduated in 1961 and married James Ferner. Betty worked for a year in a cancer research team until the birth of her first daughter in 1962. Betty was a "stay at home Mom" until 1978 when she returned to hospital and private duty nursing. In 1992, Betty and Jim moved to Tallahassee, Florida where she worked for seven years as a Hospice Nurse managing in-home care. Betty and Jim moved to Battle Ground, Washington in 2002 for retirement. Betty's loves were her family, nursing and music. She studied piano and guitar and sang in church choirs both in Tallahassee and at the First Congregational Church of Vancouver. The onset of Alzheimer's disease forced her to give up the choir. During her over four year stay at the Hampton, the staff helped her to participate in and enjoy the music opportunities which greatly enriched her stay. The family greatly appreciates the care given by the staff. Betty is survived by her husband, Jim; two daughters, Suzanne (Tom) Cowper of Snohomish, WA and Linda (Paul) Roberge of Acton, MA; and a son, James Jr. (Denise) of Battle Ground; one grandson, Ryan (Bree) Cowper; and three granddaughters, Jenna Cowper, and Jacquelyn and Francine Roberge. She is also survived by a brother, Harold Matott of Selkirk, NY. A Celebration of Life will be held at the First Congregational UCC, 1220 NE 68th Street, Vancouver,

Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. The family suggests that memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)). Please sign Betty's Guest Book at [www.columbian.com/obits](http://www.columbian.com/obits).

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