



## Belle Epstein

December 26, 1920 - May 18, 2016

Belle Epstein (Stoler) died peacefully Wednesday May 18th 2016 at her home in Port St. Lucie, Florida

She was born in Rochester, New York to Levy and Celia Stoler. Belle and her husband Milton Epstein who preceded her in death in December 2012 moved to Tamarac, Florida nearly 40 years ago. Mom moved to her daughter Jodi's home in Port St. Lucie in 2012.

Belle had an active career in office management.

Belle is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law Jodi and Garry Smart of Port St. Lucie, Florida and Nancy and L. Joaquin Gowens of Lummi Island Washington, Grandson Brandon Metter and wife Mica of Honolulu, Hawaii, Granddaughter Aubri Metter of Spokane, Washington and her children Levi and Veda as well as many nieces and nephews and their families. Belle will always be remembered for her generous and loving spirit to all who were blessed to know her.

Donations in Belle's memory may be made to:

TREASURE COAST Hospice

1201 S.E. Indian Street

Stuart, Florida 34997

# Tribute Wall



“ *Belle Epstein*

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January 29, 2023 at 12:14 PM

JK

“ Dear Jodi,

*Please accept my belated condolence for the passing of your mother and father. I am ashamed that I did not return their many acts of kindness and caring toward me. My first contact with your parents was in 1961 when I knocked on the door of your home on Viscount Drive. I was searching for my parakeet which earlier that day or the day before had escaped and flown toward the direction of your house. Your father opened the door and after listening to my inquiry, sternly interrogated me. What's your name? Where do you live? What color is your parakeet? And more questions. Then the interrogation was interrupted by a female voice. Milton, leave the boy alone and give him the bird. That was your mother. He did and sent me on my way. Several months later, I knocked on your door again. I was searching for Chester after he had not returned home for 24 hours. After many hours of roaming the neighborhood he would always arrive home early evening. That day he didn't. Your father again interrogated me. He remembered my name and proceeded gently this time to ask a few questions, including if I was feeding Chester a sufficient amount of dog food. Then from where I know not Chester appeared. Your father told me that Chester was a regular, welcome guest at your home.*

*After our parents became friends, your father was always very fatherly toward me. He took me to Washington DC and explained to me the significance of many of the national monuments and sites. He built a horseshoe pit in my yard. He got me interested in crossword puzzles and much more. And he consoled me when I was troubled.*

*I knew your mother less well than your father. But one act of caring by her I shall not forget. In 1978 she gave a gift to my mother, a blanket she made for my first born son. It became his security blanket. After 40 years, a remnant of that blanket is still in his possession. It consists of a few smelly strands which he won't part with.*

*Despite my utter failure to reciprocate your parents' kindness and caring, I loved them and you.*

*John*

November, 2018

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**john kadar** - November 28, 2018 at 12:43 AM



*What a beautiful tribute to both of my parents. These are stories that I never knew. I remember the great friendship of our families and still have pictures of Chester and me that your brother Peter took. Thank you for the nice comments. I have such fond memories of all the fun times our families shared.*

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**Jodi Smart** - November 28, 2018 at 08:03 AM

PS

*“ I was reminiscing and just found this obituary for Belle. She was a remarkable woman. Bell work for me at Truck stops of America many moons ago. She was a wonderful friend and employee. Phil Saunders, Rochester, NY*

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**Phil Saunders** - November 09, 2017 at 09:47 PM

JS

*Yes she was a wonderful woman and a great mom. She lived a very active life and spent her last year's at my home. She was loved by so many and is greatly missed. Thanks you for your kind words.  
Jodi Smart.*

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**Jodi Smart** - November 09, 2017 at 11:22 PM



“ Oh how I enjoyed my excursions with Belle and listening to the stories of her younger days! I'd like to believe that she enjoyed them as well. At 90+ she had the energy of a youngster and could run circles around me (especially when in search of a particular item to complete a project for a friend or find that "something" special to give a family member). If we were to get separated I knew I could find her where the best bargains were! Somehow it seemed almost every journey included a rain shower or even significant thunder storm (neither or which slowed her in the least). No worry for Belle, as she was always perfectly coiffed regardless of the weather (a coordinating watch for every outfit). Our hours together were truly a gift for me. Thank you, Jodi, for allowing me the gift of time to get to know your mom, even if our time was cut too short. My sincere condolences to you & your family for your loss. Belle, you are missed.



Joanne Collins - May 23, 2016 at 08:41 AM

Donna Fawcett

“ I loved meeting your Mom. You are two lucky girls to have had her. Belle, rest in peace and may the memory of you always bring a smile. Nancy, my deepest sympathies to you and your family. Lots of love, Donna



Donna Fawcett - May 23, 2016 at 07:06 AM

NG

“ Nancy Gowens lit a candle in memory of Belle Epstein



Nancy Gowens - May 22, 2016 at 12:01 PM

JO

“ *Jodi lit a candle in memory of Belle Epstein*



Jodi - May 22, 2016 at 11:56 AM

JS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jodi Smart - May 22, 2016 at 11:20 AM

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*Belle - Mother's Day 2015*

Jodi - May 22, 2016 at 11:33 AM

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“ *1 file added to the album Belle*



Jodi Smart - May 22, 2016 at 11:17 AM