

CROSSED THE BAR

Bette June Ingham

June 17, 2016

Bette June Ingham, a resident of cottage #21 and enthusiastic member of the Belvedere Club, died on June 17, 2016 in a suburb of her native Washington, D.C. She was 86. Bette June lived at #21 with her husband, James R. Ingham, who predeceased her in December, 2013, her daughter, Leland Ingham, and grandchildren, Alex and MacKenzie Beckel. She shared her passion for the Belvedere Club by serving on the Board of Directors, the Golf Club "House" Committee, the Casino Committee, and the Rental Committee.

Born in Washington, D.C. on August 14, 1929, Bette lived her early life in Annapolis, MD where she raised three young children and raced sailboats on the Chesapeake Bay. She moved back to Washington, D.C. where she met her second husband James R. Ingham and began her very successful residential Real Estate career. She and Jim started their own Real Estate company in the Washington, D.C. area, Ingham & Associates, while at the same time raising their own child, Leland Ingham, their adopted daughter Angela Holder and their grandson, Gary Ingham.

Bette June was a pioneer for women in the Real Estate business and earned her way to become the first woman President of the Washington Board of Realtors and the first woman board member of Interstate Savings & Loan Company. She worked in the Real Estate business as a manager and coach of over 100 agents and finally retired when she was 75 years old. She was also involved in many charities over the years including the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association, So Others Might Eat and the Holton-Arms School.

Bette June is survived by a son, Stephen C. Ingham, and two daughters, Leland Ingham, and Angela Holder, her adopted daughter. She had 5 grandsons, Alex Beckel, Gary Ingham, Griffin Holder, Tyler Holder, and Russell Rohmer as well as two granddaughters, MacKenzie Beckel and Abby Holder. She was predeceased by her daughters Martha Hughes and Elizabeth Hankins, and a stepson, James R. Ingham III

Bette June adored every moment of her time spent at Belvedere. She had many close friends and felt honored that she could contribute to the betterment of the Belvedere for years to come. Affectionately known as "BJ", she was beloved by everyone on the Belvedere. The Club benefitted greatly from her business experience, her intelligent insights and steady leadership. She was an ardent supporter of the Scholarship Fund. Bette June was always ready to help put on Cabaret. She participated in many wonderful skits as a singer and dancer, bringing the house down with her performances. She was known for her great sense of humor and for being a gracious and thoughtful hostess. Bette June loved golf, bridge, her friends and the Belvedere. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Any donations can be made to the Belvedere Club Memorial Fund.