



Betsy Wolf CoL
March 10, 1917 — December 25, 2009

Betsy, born in Colorado Springs, married William Wolf in the 1940's. The Wolfs had five children, two boys and three girls. William died in 1968.

Betsy came alive in her activism in the Church. Early on, Betsy joined Church Women United and was involved in their work in the 1960s. She was dedicated to St. James Parish and moved from washing the floors in the church to being a lector and a Eucharistic minister. She put great energy into the new church that was built in the 1970s even helping to lay the brick, a skill she had learned from her mother. She understood the church as the people of God and was a warm and welcoming member of St. James for 60+ years until her death.

Betsy natural inclination was to unite; she was an inclusive person. There are many wonderful examples of Betsy's welcoming spirit, For example, in the fall of 1975 when a group of SLs in Denver sponsored the Vietnamese Tran family coming to Denver Betsy turned over her home to the family until a place could be found for them to settle.

Betsy first met Loretto when her children attended Machebeuf. She and Rosemary Wilcox became life-long friends as Betsy and her husband did many volunteer jobs at Machebeuf in its first years of operation. They began the PTA, led a Great Books discussion group, and Betsy was a part-time volunteer secretary. Later Betsy became Rosemary's full time secretary when Rosemary moved to the Archdiocesan School office.

Betsy loved nature and spent many long hours at the family mountain home in southern Colorado. She had a lovely garden and always had cut flowers in her home.

Loretto co-membership was very special and important to Betsy. A co-member for 38 years, she participated in community activities, joining small groups when they were formed and hosted Loretto meetings in her home. Betsy counted many Sisters of Loretto as her friends.

In her co-member renewal Betsy wrote the following in 1977: "I feel grateful for the prayerful support of my Loretto friends, and I admire the stands Loretto takes on many social issues. When I am with my Loretto friends I feel inspired by their courage and steadfast faith." In her 2003 renewal she said, "I value your friendship and all that it offers."

Betsy died peacefully on Christmas 2009. Betsy, what a perfect day for you to be born into your new life — joining so many of your Loretto friends.