



## Betty Bush Holden

March 19, 1929 - January 7, 2024

Betty Bush Holden (née Botts) passed away peacefully January 7th, 2024, in Naples, FL. She was born in Winchester, KY to Frances Louise (née Bush) and Charles Bryan Botts. “Betty Bush” as she was known to all, was the widow of John Joseph Holden, LCDR United States Navy (RET) who preceded her in death in 1986.

Betty Bush graduated from Winchester High School and briefly attended Sullins College in Virginia before transferring to the University of Kentucky, where she graduated with a bachelor’s degree from the College of Commerce, predecessor of the Gatton College of Business and Economics. She subsequently returned for a master’s degree from the College of Education.

Betty Bush was a member of Chi Omega social sorority and Delta Gamma Epsilon, an honorary business fraternity.

After college, Betty Bush was employed by Harper & Brothers Publisher in New York City. After

her master's degree, she eventually moved to San Diego, CA where she taught high school business courses. It was there she met and married her great love, "Joe". The needs of the Navy moved them to Virginia Beach, VA where she continued to teach and raise their growing family.

Retirement took her to Florida, where she lived for many years. Betty Bush was an avid supporter of higher education, supporting an annual UK business student scholarship, and, importantly, Wildcat basketball.

She is survived by her son, Mr. John Joseph Holden, Jr., and his wife Diana, of Naples, FL, and a daughter, Mrs. Ann Bryan Nelson Scott (née Holden) and her husband Phillip, of Ann Arbor, MI.

She leaves three precious and delightful grandchildren who brought her much joy, Houston S. Scott, Anna C. Scott, and Olivia E. Holden. She also leaves her beloved sister, Eleanor Ann Botts of Cincinnati.

Betty Bush lived in Bentley Village Retirement Center in Naples FL. She will be laid to rest beside her husband in Arlington National Cemetery.

To sign her guest register or, to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

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# Cemetery Details

## **Arlington National Cemetery**

Arlington, VA 22211

<http://arlingtoncemetery.mil>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Betty, we loved our outings together and watching UK football and basketball. And most of all, I loved it that we were Chi Omega sisters. We’ve missed being with you since our move to Tennessee. Your friendship will always be precious to us. ❤️ Susan and Richard Cardwell



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**Susan Bushart Cardwell** - January 25, 2024 at 10:13 AM

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Betty loved talking to you about uk basketball and enjoyed attending games with you at the bars and talking with you when I was living down at wild pines in bonita bay. Rip my friend will miss you until we meet again.

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**Mark Leifur Josefson** - January 26, 2025 at 01:24 PM