



## Mrs. Betty Popovich Kiser

September 28, 1925 - May 21, 2013

Betty Popovich Kiser, 87, passed away May 21, 2013 in Mechanicsville, VA. Born in Pennsylvania to John and Pelagia Popovich, she was raised in Greenpoint, Brooklyn and then spent most of her life in Syracuse, NY where she was a parishioner of St. Peter and Paul's Russian Orthodox Church. Betty and her husband of 59 years, Harry, became residents of Newport News, VA in 1996, prior to his death in 2003. They were parishioners of St. Basil the Great Orthodox Church in Poquoson, VA.

Betty was also preceded in death by her siblings and their spouses, Mary Gadosz (Tymko), Anna Turoff (Samuel), Charles Popovich, Anastasia "Molly" Gutowski (Charles), Josephine Popovich, Andrew Popovich, John Popovich (Madeline), Olga Ciehalski (Leonard); a nephew, Richard Paulowski; and daughter-in-law, Donna Kiser.

She is survived by a sister, Pearl Popovich; three sons, Robert Kiser (Mary Patricia), and children, Kristina and Colleen Kiser; Dennis Kiser, and children, Joseph Kiser, and daughter, Leslie, John Kiser (Robin) and daughter, Amanda; Barry Kiser (Lula), and children Maria Greenwood (Christopher) and son, Ethan, Lisa Hufnagel (Jack), and children Andrea, John and Conor Hufnagel, and Gregory Kiser, and children, MacKenzie and Zoe Kiser. Betty is also survived by her daughter, Karen Durniak (Ted); and nieces and nephews, James Gutowski, Lynda Marut, Ronald Ciehalski, William Gadsden, Gloria Accetta, and Ellen Popovich.

A funeral service will be held 11 a.m., Friday, May 24th at St. Andrews

Orthodox Christian Church, 117 Linden St., Ashland, VA, 23005 with burial following at 3 p.m. in Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia, 10300 Pridesville Rd., Amelia, VA, 23002. The family will receive friends, 4 to 6 p.m., tonight at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA, 23140. The family wishes to thank Hospice of Virginia and John and Patti Morris of Seniors First Choice, with special thanks to her daily caregivers, Laretta Crawley and Shelly Russell for their loving care.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Andrews Orthodox Christian Church, 117 Linden St., Ashland, VA, 23005 or to Hospice of Virginia, 1700 Bayberry Court, Richmond, Virginia 23226.

# Cemetery Details

## Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia

10300 Pridesville Road  
Amelia, VA 23002

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 23. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel  
9923 Pocahontas Trail  
Providence Forge, VA 23140  
(804) 966-7075

## Service

MAY 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrews Orthodox Christian Church  
117 Linden St.  
Ashland, VA 23005

# Tribute Wall

“ Betty Popovich Kiser

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*It is with great sadness that I sit here and try to gather my thoughts and zoom in on my memories of my late “Aunt Betty” knowing that she is now gone forever from this earth and that I will never see or speak to her again while I have my being.*

*She was at many times the voice on the other side of the phone who I would call from time to time just to see how she was doing. She was one of my last remaining relatives and I knew that once she was gone, she would be gone always. She is gone now.*

*One of the first memories I had of her from my childhood was when she lived in Brooklyn, NY on Guernsey Street. I remember Bobby, Dennis, and Barry making Go-Carts out of wooden milk crates and old roller skates. Sometimes they would grab a discarded broomstick and play stickball out in the street. It was always a noisy neighborhood bustling with activity. From boys with broomsticks to gangs with tire irons, Brooklyn had it all!*

*Then one day I got the news, that, “Aunt Betty” and “Uncle Harry”, and all of the boys were going to be leaving the old street and would be moving up to Syracuse, NY, since Harry had gotten a job opportunity up there to open his own business.*

*After they had moved, we heard less and less from them and then nothing. Sometimes the silence from them would be broken when “Aunt Betty” came down from Syracuse to visit. Aunt Betty was always smiling and always had something to say. She was always very well read and knew what was going on in the world-at-large and not just in her own world. Believe me she knew!*

*She always had a positive attitude and cheerful disposition unlike some of my other aunts who were always complaining and*

*miserable. She never bragged about her life like some other people would even though she had plenty to brag about if she wanted to do so.*

*Sometimes in the family, there were some relatives that got “involved with other family member’s lives more than what they should.” “Aunt Betty” never did that. When other people made war, she made peace. She never had an attitude. She did not believe in carrying around a grudge and in holding a person’s faults against them for the rest of their life. She knew she was not perfect and she did not expect everyone else to be.*

*When Uncle Andy was on my back, she covered my back and was always on my side. Whatever he would criticize, she would justify. She did not cross over boundaries like he did, although I am sure he meant very well.*

*She was forgiving, understanding, sensitive to other people’s feelings and saw that every human being had a worth.*

*These were not only attributes that she had and kept in herself but in all the goodness she had, she passed unto her children, Bobby, Dennis, Barry, and Karen. And if you look and observe you can see the qualities in them that they had received from their mother. And for now, while “Aunt Betty” is no longer here, a part of her still lives on in her children.*

*I wish I had seen more of “Aunt Betty” during my life and had gotten to know my cousins more than what I did. The Kiser family had moved up to Syracuse, NY so far away. Then many years later, when they moved again, they moved far away in the other direction, down South. However, I guess “Uncle Harry” had to go where he could make a living. We were all situated in the New York City Metropolitan Area.*

*While my wife and I cannot attend her services due mostly to health and medical reasons, you can be assured that I will be there in*

*spirit, and she will always be in my heart and soul with her ever positive and glowing spirit always invoking in me the most fondness of memories.*

*Rest in peace, Dear Aunt, I shall truly miss you!*

*Your Nephew, William*

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**Your Nephew, William** - May 23, 2013 at 06:51 PM

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“ *Bill & Gilan Gadsden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Popovich Kiser*



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**Bill & Gilan Gadsden** - May 23, 2013 at 10:14 AM