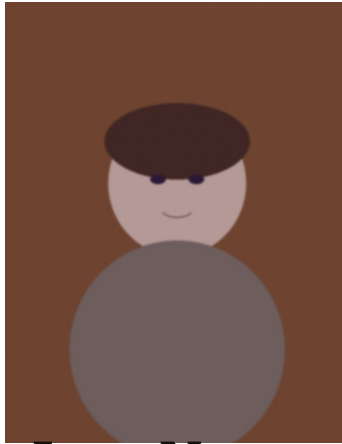




## Betty June Newswanger

*December 13, 1938 - June 28, 2013*

Stockton, California

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Betty June Newswanger, 74, of Stockton, died on June 28, 2013. Born in Stockton on December 13, 1938; Welsh-American cooking and payday thrift set the tone of the house. Early on, she decided that a paycheck and a handshake should weigh the same.

She checked loads that had to look inevitable on manifests. A stevedore checker tally board wiped dry kept numbers from becoming tragedies. Colleagues still mention a stevedore checker tally board wiped dry.

She and Thomas married in 1965 and raised two sons and a daughter without needing an audience. After Thomas's death in 2006, she held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember snow shoveled past the corner that was not required. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Stockton was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The lunch pail still waits by the back door.

What remains is not a legend but a practice: showing up, keeping a promise, leaving a place better than you found it. Her life was the kind America is built from and too often forgets to name.

### Services

A quiet remembrance in Stockton. Those who wish may give to a neighborhood library, food pantry, or workers' aid fund instead of flowers.

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