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Theta Phi Alpha Mourns Loss of Betty Grau

BAY VILLAGE, Ohio – It is with great sadness that Theta Phi Alpha announces the passing of Betty W. Grau, mother of Theta Phi Alpha's National President, Susan Grau Lee, Sigma.

Betty, 91, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on March 6 at Mercy Hospital in Canton, Ohio. Betty was a devoted mother to her only child, Susan, and beyond pursuing her personal hobbies of dancing, reading and bingo, she always found time to show her support for Theta Phi Alpha as she made regular appearances at the Akron Alumnae Association's breakfasts.

Betty is preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Robert J. Grau as well as her five sisters and three brothers. Her warmth and kindness will be missed dearly and the Theta Phi Alpha sisterhood extends our condolences to Susan and her family.

Services for Betty will be held at the Reed Funeral Home North Canton Chapel located at 801 Pittsburg Ave. NW in North Canton, Ohio. Calling hours begin Thursday, March 9 from 6-8 p.m. and continue at noon on Friday, March 10. The funeral service begins Friday at 1 p.m. at Reed and the committal service immediately follows at Hillside Memorial Park in Akron. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the [Theta Phi Alpha Foundation](#).

Founded in 1912, Theta Phi Alpha is a women's organization to provide close comradeship; to advance educational, social, and philanthropic interests and leadership training; to encourage spiritual development and adherence to the highest moral standards; and to promote lifelong bonds of friendship; a fraternity for college and university women and alumnae. Theta Phi Alpha was founded at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor; today there are 57 active collegiate chapters, 38 alumnae associations and four alumnae clubs in the United States.