

## I heard about Betsy

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Dear John,

I just received a facebook message from Carolyn Rose Majane telling me Betsy is gone. I am so sorry to hear that. Actually I am shocked and disbelieving. I loved Betsy and loved seeing you two whenever I could manage. Those were really the good old days when Bob was still alive and we would visit you two in Maryland whenever we were in town and if we could manage it. Betsy was such a wonderful friend: she really was sort of a big sister to me in Costa's lab and after. She was so full of life and energy and fun I always thought I'd get to see her again. She was also absolutely brilliant. I will always be grateful for her friendship. I know you two were so in love the whole time I knew the two of you (I mean I'm sure you must have had some conflicts and issues over the years and I know you had tragic losses) but there was that unbreakable connection and electricity you had that was so visible when you were together. I remember Betsy, so adorable with her beautiful green eyes always being excited when she talked about things you two would plan. I would try to tempt her to go off with me for girlfriend adventures but she would always have some plan you were making. I think you swept her off her feet the whole time you were married. It was a wonderful thing to see.

I can't imagine what happened or how you are dealing with it. You and Betsy were blessed with a large family so that must be some comfort. Let me know if there are plans for honoring and remembering Betsy or if there is anything I can do. I would love to hear from you anytime if you are feeling up to it. Hope you are well and can treasure all those wonderful memories.

I am still working as a psychiatrist part time and will be away from my personal computer until tonight but will check for messages then.

Your loving old friend,  
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