

BETTY BROD 1910-2000

In 1970, Betty Brod and Marion Grinsfelder founded our association which became known as REAP. Every facet of REAP was of utmost importance to her. She frequently expressed strong opinions with the luxury of “essential honesty” which was offset by the warmth and caring. She was a fierce debater.

She was a nursery school director and teacher. Her interest in education extended from preschool to continuing education for retired people. She headed the Cheltenham Township Adult School from 1967 to 1978. She was a co-founder of the Five Star Forum which brought national and international notables to speak to that group including Dr. Martin Luther King, Margaret Meade, and David Brinkley.

The Elkins Park Library was another passion to which she gave much time and energy to promote its growth. She was active in politics and the League of Women Voters.

She was a wife, mother of two, and grandmother of four and she enjoyed full of life. She had an avid interest in attending concerts including Williamstown theater and Tanglewood.

She and her husband Irv traveled extensively. Her contributions to her community will be remembered. She transformed her ideas into action which ultimately involved thousands of people.

She died peacefully in February 2000.