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## Memorial to Katherine (Kitty) Price McNaughton

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## **Katherine (Kitty) Price McNaughton**

**1915 - 2006**

Kitty was a teacher for 43 years, a life member of the National First Aid Council and a delegate/life member of the Burlington County New Jersey First Aid Council. She was a founder and life member of the American Emergency Squad since 1937 in Mount Holly, NJ, and a life member and water safety director of Browns Mills Emergency Squad, Browns Mills, NJ. She is survived by her husband, Harold W., Jr.; two sons, Lloyd Price and his wife Gaye, and Michael Price.

### ***Kitty Lore (by her good friend, Hannah Suthers)***

I met Kitty in 1970 on a field trip to Island Beach State Park when her net lane, A10, was open to visitors. I was there every spring and fall weekend since, until I opened my own adjacent lane in spring 1972.

Lloyd (her son) in the abandoned coast guard station. We heated dinner on camp stoves. We slept in sleeping bags on the cold cement floor, or on the second floor where the wood floor sloped so that we slid down in our bags. Pick your comfort.

Kitty studied systematically, learning the warblers in the field guide and in Roberts, *Birds of Minnesota Keys*. She memorized which species could be sexed by wing measurement. She got a copy of *The Sequence of Plumages and Moults of the Passerine Birds of New York* by Jonathan Dwight, Jr. (1900) and memorized the molt patterns. She was the initiator and instigator in getting Dwight reprinted by The New York Academy of Sciences in 1975 for which she compiled the species index.

Kitty was a patient and thorough trainer. She would take you through a thorough analysis of why a confusing fall warbler was one species and not another. As a teacher (physical education and swimming) she built confidence by helping every child succeed at something, at whatever level. This positive attitude carried over into training banders and she was a role model for me as well.

We remember her most drastic ploy to keep fishermen from entering the banding lane from the bay: she told them that the FBI was in the lane!

As Director of the cooperative banding operations called "Operation Recovery" from July 1969 through fall of 1972, Kitty requested us, exhausted as we were, to fill out the species summary sheets before we left. Sometimes, after having gotten up at 2 a.m. to be at Island Beach at daybreak, and 7 hours or more of banding, my frazzled mind couldn't make the totals agree with the data sheets. It got to be a standing joke how long it would take.

Kitty chaired the 50<sup>th</sup> EBBA Annual Meeting at Island Beach State Park, 27-29 Apr 1973, with meetings at the school, field trips to the banding lanes, and banquet at Top O' the Mast restaurant (currently Atlantic Bar and Grill). Those were the grand old days of black-tie banquets. The souvenir was a photocopy of the Bulletin of the Eastern Bird Banding Association, Number 1, October, 1924.

The bird banding community has lost a good and loyal friend. Our deepest sympathy to her family and many friends. Persons wishing to remember Kitty may do so by contributing to EBBA's Memorial Fund, the proceeds of which support student research. Checks should be made payable to EBBA and sent to EBBA's treasurer.