



## Ruth "Betty" Uloth

May 7, 1923 - April 20, 2010

Ruth Elizabeth Grotberg was born on May 7, 1923 in Amboy, MN, the daughter of Bernard and Sophie (Weir) Grotberg. She was baptized at Bass Lake Church in Winnebago, MN. She attended first grade in Mankato, MN before moving to Barnes County, ND where she attended 2-5 grade at Grand Prairie Consolidated School. She finished her primary education at Bennett School and Witcher School, both in Barnes County. Her freshman high school year was spent at Horace Mann School in Gary, IN. Betty finished high school at Valley City High School, Valley City, ND and graduated Salutatorian of the class of 1941. Following high school, she went on to the North Dakota Agriculture College (NDSU). From 1943-1944 she taught in Barnes County at the Getchell School.

On June 27, 1944, she married Leonard William Uloth at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Valley City. They made their home in Valley City, but in 1947, moved to Miami, FL. In 1949, they returned to Valley City.

Betty enrolled at the Valley City State Teacher College in 1960 and graduated with honors in 1962. She received her BS in Education and went on to do extension work in French. Her major was English with minors in French and Home Economics, with a sequence in Library Science.

She taught at Noltimier Consolidated School and Eckelson High School from 1962-1965. From 1965-1975, she taught at Oriska High School and from 1975-1976 at Valley City High School.

She became the Executive Director of Barnes County Housing Authority in 1976 and held that position until 1986. While she was with the housing authority, she qualified as a Certified Public Housing Manager. Following her retirement in 1986, she wrote "The Cedar Chest", a biography of her mother, Sophie Weir Grotberg.

Betty was a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church in Fargo, and transferred her membership by letter to the Congregational United Church of Christ in Valley City.

She is survived by her sons, Ray of Grayslake, IL, Paul (Tamara) of Brooklyn Park, MN, and Gary (Doris) of Burnsville, MN; 7 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; brothers, Perry (Margaret) Grotberg of Valley City and Morris (Adrienne) Grotberg of Memphis, TN; sisters, Mary (John) Heath of Valley City and Jean Huffman of Colorado Springs, CO.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers; and a sister.



# Events

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**APR**   **Service**                      10:00AM

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Congregational United Church of Christ  
217 4th St. NW, Valley City, ND, US

# Comments

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“ I am a relative of Ruth. I spoke with Ruth shortly before she died. My grandmother was her mother's sister. If you want to contact me my name is Diana Goodman. My email is dianagoodman@aol.com

I was so sorry to hear that Ruth had passed away.

**Diana Goodman** - December 30, 2017 at 04:45 PM

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“ I extend my sincere condolences to each of Betty's family members and friends. My late husband, Harold, and I always had fond memories of the times we were together with Betty and Leomard.

Sincerely,  
Mary Ellen (sister-in-law of Bob and Dorothy Uloth)

**Mary Ellen Matejcek** - April 28, 2010 at 06:13 PM

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“ Today, the final chapter in your (Ray, Gary,Paul) Mother's life comes to a close. Although we were unable to be with you to pay our respects to Betty, our thoughts and prayers were.

Whenever we returned to Valley City, Betty was there making us welcome. Those were memorable times and have not been forgotten. I recall those happy occasions when we and the Kjelland's would meet in Valley City with your parents (and anywhere from one to three of her "boys". The sumptuous meals she prepared were, at the time, taken without thoughts as to effort Betty made. Only, after the passing of years, does one realize what those feasts meant to our family and how grateful we were to part of "Leonard and Betty Uloth lives.

The Peace of God be with you.

Bob and Dorothy Uloth

**Bob and Dorothy Uloth** - April 24, 2010 at 02:27 PM

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“ Dear Family

Please accept my sincere sympathy on the passing of Betty.

Tom Goven

Tom Goven - April 24, 2010 at 10:44 AM

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“ Our prayers are with you

Bobby Phylow - April 23, 2010 at 12:37 PM

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“ While privileged to know Betty only a few short year, I delighted in visits with her at her home in Valley City, and in the occasional luncheon with "the sisters," Betty, Mary and Shirley. Betty punctuated her conversations with whimsical humor, and always left me laughing - and with something to think about.

To those who loved her, know I share your sadness at her passing, in relief that her suffering is finished, and in joy that she has gone to new life.

Peace be with you.

Pamela - April 23, 2010 at 10:20 AM

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“ Betty was a kind and gracious woman who made everyone who knew her feel welcomed and loved. I am saddened by her passing but trust that her family takes comfort in her Christian example and in the promise of the resurrection.

paul sabby - April 22, 2010 at 11:12 PM

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“ How short a time we travel here...

How long we stay in memories...

Michelle - April 21, 2010 at 11:01 PM