



Betty Thompson

September 25, 1923 - April 18, 2023

Betty's service will be live streamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/3331280>

The funeral service for Betty Thompson, 99, Valley City, North Dakota will be 2 pm Friday, April 28, 2023 at Epworth United Methodist Church, Valley City. Visitation will be from noon until the time of the service at the church. Burial will be later in the spring in Woodbine Cemetery, Valley City.

Bertha "Betty" Mjolsness was born on September 25, 1923 on the farm operated by her parents, Nels and Alma (Borgen) Mjolsness near Perley, Minnesota, the fourth child of 9 children. Bertha was named after her Swedish Grandmother Britta and her aunt Bertha. Bertha was immediately nicknamed "Betty", the name used the rest of her life. She was baptized at the Lanstad Lutheran Church which had been founded by her father along with a number of immigrant Norwegians .

When Betty approached her 6th birthday, she joined her brother and older sisters on the half mile walk to the "Open View " eight grades country school. She entered the fourth grade when her family moved from the Perley farm during a cold November to another farm near Felton in Clay County. She attended school at Felton, graduating in 1942. After high school graduation, Betty attended Dakota Business College in Fargo and worked in Fargo for a short time after college graduation.

She was united in marriage to Sidney Thompson on June 15, 1947 in Felton.

They lived in Moorhead, Minnesota for six months before moving to the Thompson family farm in Svea Township near Litchville, North Dakota. Betty was a very active farm wife, doing farm chores and caring for her family. She was active in the Svea community for 25 years and an active member of the Elim Evangelical Free Church.

In 1972, they moved to Valley City and joined the Epworth United Methodist Church where Betty was active in circle and other committees. Sid passed away on April 7, 2003. Betty has lived at Bridgeview Estates assisted living since 2012

Betty passed away on April 18, 2023 at CHI Mercy Health, Valley City surrounded by family. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Sidney, sisters Inez, Anna, and Mary Lou and brothers James, Alton and Robert.

She is survived by her son Philip (Gloria) Thompson, Warren, Minnesota; her daughter Cheryl (Bruce) Benson, Fairview, Montana; four grandchildren, Monica (Ryan) Nelsen, Mark (Mikelle) Thompson, Allen (Alexandra) Benson and Dennell Benson (Caleb Whichard); three great grandchildren Maxwell Nelsen, Charlotte Nelsen and Freya Thompson. Her sister Norma Thiesen, Billings, Montana; her brother Dan Mjolsness, Naples, Florida and several nieces and nephews, also survive.

Cards may be sent to Phil Thompson, 624 E Pleasant Ave, Warren, MN 56762 or Cheryl Benson, PO Box 351, Fairview, MT 59221. Memorials may be designated to Epworth United Methodist Church or the Valley City Food Pantry.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at www.olivernathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Woodbine Cemetery

Valley City, ND

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church
680 8th Ave. SW
Valley City, ND

Funeral Service

APR 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

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680 8th Ave. SW
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Tribute Wall



“ Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Thompson



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - April 23, 2023 at 06:20 PM

BH

This was an extremely wonderful video of Betty, her husband, children and children and great grandchildren. Betty was a wonderful woman and I will truly miss her with all my heart ❤️ Bonnie Howe (Bath aide, BV)

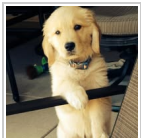
Bonnie Howe - April 28, 2023 at 05:29 PM

JW

“ So sorry about your dear Mom. Thinking of you.



Janet Winter - May 15, 2023 at 03:37 PM



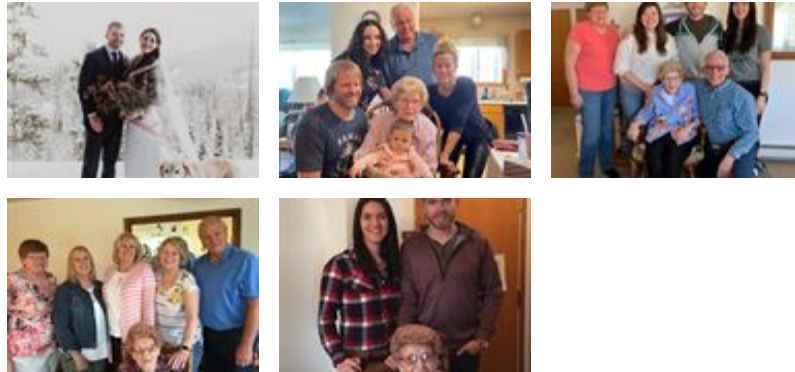
“ Marilyn Burnstein lit a candle in memory of Betty Thompson



Marilyn Burnstein - April 28, 2023 at 12:06 AM



“ 14 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - April 27, 2023 at 10:05 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray* was purchased for the family of *Betty Thompson*.



April 27, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of *Betty Thompson*.



April 27, 2023 at 10:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Thompson.*



April 26, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betty Thompson.*



April 26, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Thompson.*



April 26, 2023 at 01:31 PM



“ *I met my future wife Beverly Carlson at Betty's dinner invitation during my college years. A life changing event, thanks sister ,*

Daniel , Betty's brother - April 26, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of Betty Thompson.



April 25, 2023 at 04:56 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Betty Thompson.



April 25, 2023 at 09:29 AM



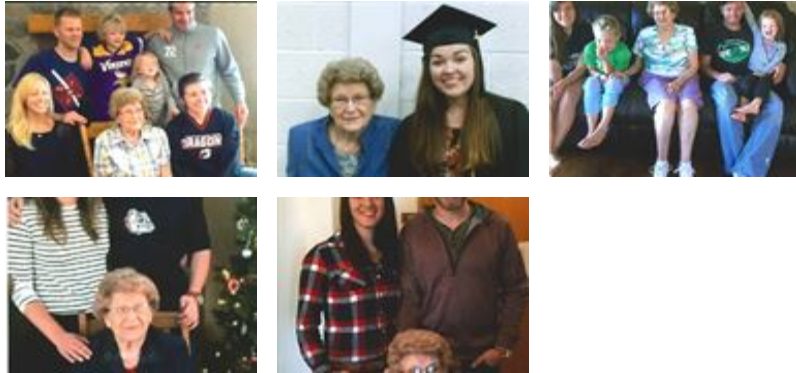
“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Betty Thompson.



April 25, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ 17 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - April 24, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Betty Thompson*.



April 24, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of *Betty Thompson*.



April 24, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Betty's passing. So many memories of your parents Phil, especially Sid and me visiting in the installation bay? Bless your family in this time of thoughts, memories, and prayers. Jon & Pat Linnell



Jon Linnell - April 24, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ Jon & Pat Linnell purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Betty Thompson.



Jon & Pat Linnell - April 24, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - April 23, 2023 at 06:17 PM

SH

“ Sara Hedlund lit a candle in memory of Betty Thompson



Sara Hedlund - April 23, 2023 at 03:16 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Thompson.



April 22, 2023 at 01:29 PM

FL

“ Frank and Virginia LeBlanc purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Betty Thompson.



Frank and Virginia LeBlanc - April 22, 2023 at 12:18 PM

FL

“ Frank And Virginia LeBlanc lit a candle in memory of Betty Thompson



Frank and Virginia LeBlanc - April 22, 2023 at 12:06 PM

GS

“ Gary & Shawna Schuler lit a candle in memory of Betty Thompson



Gary & Shawna Schuler - April 21, 2023 at 09:40 PM

CA

“ CAROL ANDERSON lit a candle in memory of Betty Thompson



CAROL ANDERSON - April 20, 2023 at 09:15 PM

KH

“ Bridgeview won't be the same without her, she will be deeply missed. She was such a wonderful lady!

Katie Hejtmanek - April 20, 2023 at 02:56 PM