



Elizabeth "Betty" Sophia Etzell

April 8, 1927 - September 7, 2021

Live Stream <https://vimeo.com/602638108>

The funeral service for Elizabeth "Betty" Etzell, 94, Valley City, North Dakota will be 10:30 am Saturday, September 11, 2021, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City. Visitation will be one hour before the service at the church. Inurnment will be in Woodbine Cemetery, Valley City. She passed away Tuesday, September 7, at Mercy Hospital with her family by her side. Elizabeth Sophia Rasmussen was born April 8, 1927 in Steele County near Luverne, North Dakota, the daughter of Niels and Orva (Bertram) Rasmussen. Betty was confirmed at the Luverne Lutheran Church. She grew up on the farm near Luverne until the family moved to Valley City when she was 15. Betty attended and graduated from Valley City High School in 1945. She worked for Leegard's Garage in Valley City until she was united in marriage to Melbourne Etzell on March 20, 1946 in Valley City. They made their home near Rogers, North Dakota for 13 years before moving back to Valley City. Betty baked at The Post Restaurant and the Bus Depot for many years. Melbourne died on September 14, 2013. Betty made many wedding cakes throughout the years. She also enjoyed crafts and was a member of the Barnes County Homemakers Club 74 years. Betty has been a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church since 1942. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a daughter Melody

Hetland, and son-in-law Larry Hetland; a grandson Justin Tangen; and a brother Ernest Rasmussen.

Betty is survived by her children Roger (Loretta) Etzell, Greenville, Ohio and their family Sonja Etzell, Elizabeth (Andrew) Murray and sons Connor and Landon, and Christopher Etzell; Melody and Larry's children, Darren Hetland, Kristi (Dario) Molina and Andrea Hetland; Lynnette Carol, Seattle, Washington and her family Jonathan Wicks, Stefan (Melinda Barsales) Wicks; Jolene (Dave)Watanabe, Edmonds, Washington and their family Steven Watanabe, Christopher Watanabe, and Rachel Scout Watanabe; Leah (Todd) Tangen, Kathryn, North Dakota and their family Michael (Sidney) Tangen and son Tucker, and Jake Tangen.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com and where the funeral can be seen live streamed. The family request that masks be worn while attending the visitation and service.

Cemetery Details

Woodbine Cemetery

Valley City, ND

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
138 3rd St. NW
Valley City, ND

Funeral Service

SEP 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PO

“ On behalf of the Barnes County Homemakers ... we extend our sympathy to Betty's family. She was a faithful attendee of Homemaker county meetings. A long life well-lived. Phyllis Otterness, Treasurer

Phyllis Otterness - September 11, 2021 at 10:24 AM

DS

“ I worked with Betty at Post Specialty. She was such an amazing woman and I enjoyed working with her. To this day, I still make her brownie recipe. Prayers go out to her family during this time.

Donna Stubbe - September 10, 2021 at 12:49 PM

JN

“ God bless the memories of Betty, Mel, Melody, and Larry. I am so very happy to have known them in my years in Valley City. In prayer
J Dennis Nelson now Melbourne FL

J Dennis Nelson - September 09, 2021 at 06:04 PM

CH

“ Condolences to the Etzell family. Aunt Betty was always an important figure in our family. I remember many fun Christmas Eves at your house. And also her many talents and zest for life, family and friends!!! May she rest in peace.
Niece, Cheryl Faranda

cheryl - September 09, 2021 at 02:19 PM

DW

“ I always enjoyed being in the company with Betty. We had good times traveling to Homemakers conferences and serving together as county officers. She had the most wonderful laugh. I also admired her cross stitch work and stopped by to get patterns. I always liked to visit with her when we met uptown as she usually had some news. One great lady that I will remember fondly.. 😊

Darlene Weshnevski - September 09, 2021 at 10:53 AM

EJ

“ I will always remember the good times we had together with our kids growing up, and the later years going to your mom's house and always having coffee (with cream) and some goodies she had baked...she was such a good cook...will miss seeing her....this pandemic sure put a damper on visiting with her...it has flared up again, so I don't think I will come to the funeral...you all will be on my mind that day....love to all of you and God be with you 🙏❤️

Edith Johnson - September 09, 2021 at 09:22 AM

LG

“ I'm so sorry cousin , you were always fun to visit with. :(

Lenny Grindler - September 09, 2021 at 01:23 AM