



Betty L. Bethell

January 25, 1934 - January 17, 2022

Betty L. Bethell, 87, of Kearney, died January 17, 2022 at Kearney Regional Medical Center. Private family graveside services will be January 24, 2022 at Woodlawn Cemetery Pomona, Kansas. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Kearney Area Animal Shelter or the Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary.

Betty Lou Bethell was born to Ralph H. and Callie K. (Grimes) Bethell of Pomona, Kansas on January 25, 1934. She attended Pomona High School then went on to get her Masters in Physical Education/Dance at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas. She taught PE for one year in Manhattan, Kansas. before finding her home in Kearney, teaching at Kearney State College/UNK for four decades.

Betty was a patron of the arts, a Yankees fan, and a die-hard Jayhawker. She loved a good English mystery—Agatha Christie in particular—and a fine Manhattan.

She is survived by her partner Frank Robinson of Kearney, George the cat, nieces, Shawna M Bethell of Fulton, MO., Sandra K (Bethell) Abel of Carbondale, KS., Glenna R (Bethell) Guerrero of Topeka, KS., and nephew, Jim Phillips of Lawrence, KS. Betty also had many great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Betty was preceded in death by both parents and two brothers, Richard W. Bethell and Robert H. Bethell, both of Pomona, and a nephew Michael W. Bethell of Fulton, MO.

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty L. Bethell*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



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



January 21, 2022 at 07:47 PM



“ *My wife said that Miss Bethell's ballroom dance class was one of the most important classes I took at KSC. She taught a Loper football player how to dance and enjoy Big Band music. A beautiful and classy lady. Thank you Miss Bethell. Ken and Cynthia Watson 1975*

Ken Watson - January 21, 2022 at 01:29 PM

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“ Betty was one of the most wonderful women I have ever known. She was strong-willed courageous and never afraid to do what was right. I admired her greatly. She made me smile everyday when we worked together at UNK. I missed her daily after her retirement and will miss her more now. God places good people in our lives to guide us and help us grow. Betty was one of those people for me. My deepest sympathies and I will miss her...
Nita Unruh



Nita Unruh - January 19, 2022 at 06:22 PM

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Never was before and never will be again an Aunt Betty. She loved her family unconditionally. My hope is that she and her beloved Michael are having an awesome reunion. ❤️

Carolyn Anderson - January 20, 2022 at 11:56 AM

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“ Thank you for teaching me to cha cha cha. A wonderful classy teacher. May her memory be eternal.

Tim O'Dea - January 19, 2022 at 05:45 PM