



Betty Lou J. Abels

January 11, 1933 - October 1, 2021

Betty Lou J. Abels, 88, of Kearney, formerly Amherst, passed away Friday, October 1, 2021, at the Central Nebraska Veterans Home in Kearney. Funeral services will be on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Amherst. Pastor Quinton Cundiff will officiate and burial will be at the Stanley Cemetery near Amherst. Visitation will be on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home in Kearney. Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Betty Lou was born on January 11, 1933 in Bradshaw, NE to Archie E. and Minnie J. (Dodson) Eldridge. The family moved to the Miller, NE area where Betty Lou attended school through the 10th grade. The family then moved to the Amherst area where she attended Amherst High School and graduated with the class of 1950. She then attended Kearney State College for 1 year. After college, she taught rural school for 5 years near Elm Creek and Amherst. She married Marvin L. Abels on July 5, 1953 in Amherst. Betty Lou was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Amherst where she was involved in the Alter Guild and also taught Sunday School. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Good Samaritan Hospital Service League and the HOP Club. Betty Lou, considered by her family as the mold from which all

grandmas should come from, enthusiastically served in the role of a Mother. She was the pillar for all family gatherings and celebrations and will be fondly remembered for her ground roast beef sandwiches and rainbow jello. She enjoyed reading and also spending time with her family and extended family.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin Abels of Kearney; daughters, Patricia and Victor Branstiter of Kearney; Peggy and Greg McCollough of Sheffield Lake, OH and Janet and Randy Hadwiger of Kearney; 9 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; sister, Lois Thomas of Kearney; sister in law, Donna Eldridge of Burdette, KS

Betty Lou was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Everett Eldridge; daughter, Kimberly Jo Hinson

Cemetery Details

Stanley Cemetery

145th & Odessa Road
Amherst, NE 68812

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
Amherst, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Lou J. Abels*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *May you take comfort in loving memory and the friends and family that surround you.*

*Helyn Leathers
Amherst*

Helyn Leathers - October 07, 2021 at 09:50 AM



“ *I have wonderful memories of Betty Lou. My brothers and I were pupils of hers her first year of teaching at Stanley. She was a great teacher and had a real knack relating to all of us. Of course, she was only 8 years older than I. Whenever we had AHS class reunions we would always get together to visit. She never changed and was a very special lady. I'm so sorry for your loss. I know all of you will miss her terribly. I am glad she touched my life. May God comfort you at this time.*

*With love and prayers
Peggy (Travis) Jacobs
Denver metro area*

Peggy Travis Jacobs - October 05, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Lou J. Abels.*



October 04, 2021 at 06:50 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Lou J. Abels.*



October 04, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ *Betty was quite a gal. She was a proud member of the Miller American Legion Auxiliary 351 and we all enjoyed her friendship and passion for helping veterans. She also shared stories of trips to the boats in Council Bluffs, usually she came out a winner. She had her favorite machine and was known to stay at it, hours at a time. She didn't want to visit when she was at her machine. Prayers for Marvin and family, we will all miss that mischievous smile.*

Barb and Larry Meyer - October 04, 2021 at 10:01 AM

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“ *Betty;s Family,
Sorry to hear of of Betty Lou's passing. She and her family were our
neighbors west of
Amherst. They were great neighbors.. When we visited family in
Amherst we would
sometimes her for a short visit. I now live in Ames , Iowa with my
husband Bill Ripp
also from Amherst. Our prayers are with all the Abels and Eldridge
families.
Jane Rumbeck Ripp*

Jane Rumbeck Ripp - October 03, 2021 at 03:15 PM