



Clara "Betty" E. Wintermote

January 21, 1934 - April 18, 2024

Clara "Betty" E. Wintermote, age 90 of Kearney, passed away on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at CHI – Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral services will be on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Amherst. Pastor Nicholas Whitney will officiate. Burial will be at 3:00 p.m. at the Chambers, NE Cemetery. Visitation will be on Sunday, April 21, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney and also 1 hour prior to services on Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Peterson Senior Activity Center, The Kearney VFW Auxiliary, or to the family, to be designated later. 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 was born on January 21, 1934 in Long Pine, NE to Ernest and Pholena Nellie "May" (Johnson) Thorin. She attended school in Chambers, NE and graduated with the class of 1951. She married Lloyd Wintermote on January 26, 1951 in West Pointe, NE. They initially lived in Chambers before moving to Kearney in 1960. Betty worked for over 23 years at Sears in downtown Kearney, over 10 years waiting tables at the Landmark Café in Odessa, NE and 20 years at the Kearney Walmart. She was a regular fixture on NTV Good Morning Nebraska and was affectionately known as the Craft Lady. Widely recognized because of these careers, she never knew a stranger and was so

proud to be everyone's "Grandma Betty". Betty was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Amherst.

Surviving relatives include her daughters, Norma and Jeff Pearson of Overton, NE and Janet Gardner of Central City, NE; grandchildren, Traci (Dan) McKeon, Lisa (Seth) Harder, Jenny Peck, Shelly Johnson, Jeff Johnson and Jori (Kerri) Pearson; 12 great grandchildren; numerous other extended family and friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lloyd; daughter, Donna Marie; son, Lee Allen; brother, Charles Thorin; sister-in-law, Sandra Wintermote; brother-in-law, Arthur Wintermote.

Cemetery Details

Chambers Cemetery

Chambers, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 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

APR 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
Amherst, NE

Graveside Service

APR 22. 3:00 PM.

Chambers Cemetery
Chambers, NE

Tribute Wall

BB

“ Betty, you had just joined the Kearney Betty club in Kearney! It was fun having you attend and share your thoughts and memories! Your time with us was far too short, but your eternity with Jesus has already started. Enjoy your new reality!

Betty Jane Bower-Hansen - May 02, 2024 at 10:28 PM

SA

“ Memories of her episodes on the news always made me feel she was such a remarkable kind human that should always be remembered for just that. God must have needed another Angel in his kingdom!!

Sandra - April 23, 2024 at 06:26 PM

SA

“ Sandra lit a candle in memory of Clara "Betty" Wintermote



Sandra - April 23, 2024 at 06:22 PM

BW

“ My dad, Wes Hird, worked with Betty for several years at Sears, and always had fond memories of her. Even though I was only a small child when he worked there, Betty always recognized me through the years and always said hello when we bumped into each other when out and about in Kearney. A truly nice lady.

Betsy Warren - April 22, 2024 at 09:22 AM

KR

“ Jenny and siblings: Such a loss. My heart aches for you. I will always remember "Grandma Betty" as being a Buffalo County guardian angel for me as a single mom in the 1980's. She knew something about everything, when it came to rural living. Her energy when working with the horses was amazing. "Erica" had many opportunities for hours of fun because of Betty. May she rest in peace.



Kathy Campbell RN - April 20, 2024 at 01:15 PM

JM

“ I worked with Betty in the catalog department at Sears for several years while I was in college. She was a guardian that showed me the ropes and always kept things lively. Never a dull moment. 😊. Prayers for her and the family. Janet Metz- Pleasanton

Janet Metz - April 19, 2024 at 06:42 PM

SP

“ Betty was sure a special person. I have so many fond memories of our families at goose lake on Sunday afternoons Batty and my mom Lesl were friends forever ever. Sherry (Lines)

sherry paden - April 19, 2024 at 01:51 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clara "Betty" E. Wintermote.



April 19, 2024 at 01:29 PM

BF

“ Brian and Sandra Soucie and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clara "Betty" E. Wintermote.

Brian and Sandra Soucie and family - April 19, 2024 at 01:29 PM