



Elizabeth "Betty" M. Chloupek

August 17, 1937 - April 23, 2023

Elizabeth "Betty" M. Chloupek, 85, of Kearney, passed away on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at Good Samaritan Society - Prairie View Gardens in Kearney. A wake service will be 2:00 pm, Friday, April 28, 2023 at Saint Gabriel Catholic Church in Hazard. Memorial Mass will follow at 2:30 pm at the church with Fr. Richard Piontkowski officiating. Inurnment will follow at the Litchfield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Start Over Rover, 134 N. Barnes, Hastings, NE 68901 or Community of Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, c/o General Steward, 421 E. 155th Street, Bronx, NY 10455 in memory of Betty Chloupek.

Betty was born on August 17, 1937 to Carl and Velma Ripp of Amherst, Nebraska. Growing up on the farm she learned of hard work and a love of farm animals that would continue her entire life. She attended Sunnyside and Peake Rural Elementary Schools for six years. She then attended Amherst Junior and Senior Schools where she graduated with the Class of 1954. During those years she was active in regular 4-H projects as well the South Loup Baby Beef 4-H Club where she showed her calves at the Buffalo County Fair.

Betty married Richard "Dick" Chloupek on July 27, 1955 at St. John Capistrano Catholic Church in Amherst, Nebraska. They begun farming at Litchfield and they also started a dairy they would operate until 1983. During

that time, they raised two sons and started Chloupek Kennels that over the years produced thousands of AKC registered puppies for dog lovers all across the nation. Betty could be found in the field on a tractor or out in a pasture chopping thistles in her working days happy in her work.

After her retirement, she earned a CAN license and worked at Prairie Gardens as a concierge. She enjoyed working with the elderly and sick and many friends, family, and neighbors were recipients of an angel food or German chocolate cake, chicken broth and a bag of handmade noodles when she heard they were ailing.

She was a lifelong member of St. Gabriel Catholic Church Altar Society and enjoyed helping with monthly breakfasts and the annual bazaar making mashed potatoes.

She will be missed by her family, sons Kevin (Susan) and Randy (Shelly) Chloupek, grandchildren Joe'l (Victoria) Daniels, Dr. Brett (Sylvia) Chloupek, Father Frantisek Chloupek, Dr. Emily (Nick) Howard; great grandson Charles Daniels, great granddaughters Vilhelmina, Antonia, and Flora Chloupek, Anika, Ayla, and Aletta Howard; brother William "Bill" (Jane) Ripp, sister Brenda Garrelts, sister-in-law Linda Ripp, sister-in-law Sandy (Gary) Wright, many nieces, nephews, and relatives.

Betty was preceded in death by husband Dick, daughters Michelle, Candia, and Mary, sons Jan Joseph and Kile, parents Carl and Velma, brother Bob, in-laws Alvin and Bernadine Bauer and brother-in-law Duane Garrelts.

Previous Events

Wake Service

APR **28**. 2:00 PM.

Saint Gabriel Catholic Church

Memorial Mass

APR **28**. 2:30 PM (CT)

St. Gabriel Catholic Church
Hazard, NE

Tribute Wall

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“ We lived by Dick and Betty when our kids were little. Marvin’s mom had cancer and we moved to Litchfield to help Robert and his girl’s take care of her. Dick and Betty were wonderful neighbors. Betty brought us her Beef stew and Angel Food Cake. She also took Robert and the girls food on a weekly basis. She worked so hard on the farm cutting muskthistles and milking cows. She loved people and would take cakes and cookies to Father Smutney on Sunday’s. She was always taking food to people who were sick and loved her friends!! We worked the Bazaar many years side by side in the kitchen making sauerkraut with bacon grease, a little brown sugar and mashed potatoes in them with Faye Wendt. That corner in the kitchen was ours. Finally we decided it was a hot place and we moved to a new job. She was always a stable parishioner and you could count on her to help with our projects. she raised dogs and loved her dogs very much. She loved her family and talked about her children and grandchildren with pride in the lives they chose to do. She blessed many people with her life!! We loved Betty.

Rhonda Wardyn - April 26, 2023 at 11:04 AM