



## Betty Dowd

April 2, 1931 - May 2, 2020

Betty Dowd, 89, passed away peacefully at her home on May 2nd. A graveside ceremony is planned for June 24th at 2:00 p.m. in the Grand Island Cemetery. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Betty was born on April 2, 1931, in Sherman County, to Bill and Bernice (Wagner) Fisher. She grew up in Loup City, moving to Grand Island in the 7th grade, and graduated from GISH in 1949. She spent the next 10 years as a cosmetologist, opening her own salon at age 20 in her hometown of Loup City.

Betty was united in marriage to Virgil Nissen in 1955 and together, over the next 6 ½ years, they had 5 children. In 1970 she married Dick Dowd. As a couple they owned and managed a number of restaurants including Bosselman & Eaton's, Sambo's, The Balcony, and Dowd's Steak House in Alda, and the Blue Ox in Goleta CA. In later years, Betty operated Dowd's B&E. In 1995 Betty moved to Chandler, AZ to help care for family. She returned home in 2005.

Betty was a strong independent woman and felt fortunate to continue to work into her 80's. She adored her Boston Terriers, enjoyed dancing, had a niche for decorating and was a wizard at organization. She felt whole when surrounded by her family. Providing love and care for her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren was most important to her.

As her family turns this page in life they will forever look back and remember the things she taught, what she gave, and the love she showed for each of

them, all of them. Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Dan Nissen of Peoria, AZ, Russ Nissen of Grand Island, Darren Nissen of Gilbert, AZ, and Lisa Norton of Grand Island; five grandchildren, Dustin, Dylan, Boone, Samantha, Jackie; eight great grandchildren, Lexi, Breskly, Myer, Colson, Roston, Aliana, Brielle, Camryn; and a sister-in-law, Marcia Fisher of AZ.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; son, Rocky; and brothers, Dewaine and Lyle.

Memorials are suggested the family.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Grand Island City Cemetery  
Grand Island, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Dowd*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *To all of Bettys family..you have all our family's sympathy.. Your Mother was such a sweet and loving lady. We first met through Seedling Mile school.and have remained friends ever since.. There are so many memories with of all our kids. throughout the years... You are a great family and know you miss her a lot...just dwell on all the good memories.. Our prayers to all.. Dee Ewoldt..Rod..Sheri and Shannon*



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