



## Betty J. Norton

September 3, 1930 - December 13, 2018

Betty J. Norton "Betty Boop", 88 of Grand Island died Thursday, December 13, 2018 with her loving family at her side.

"Celebration of Life" Service will be 10:30 AM Friday, December 21st at the Evangelical Free Church. Reverend Jeff McKearney will officiate. Burial of ashes will be in the Grand Island Cemetery with a luncheon to follow. Gathering of family and friends will be from 5-7 PM Thursday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Betty was born September 3, 1930 at Falls City, NE the daughter of John and Juanita (Foster) Cornford. Her father died when Betty was two years old. After her mother remarried, Betty was adopted by her step father, Lawrence Bates. She was raised and received her education in Tecumseh, Lincoln and Bellevue. She graduated from Bellevue High School class of 1948.

On August 15, 1948 she was united in marriage to her high school sweetheart Merton Norton. They lived in Bellevue, Omaha and Lincoln before making Grand Island their home in 1967. She was a very devoted wife and mother. Betty was employed by Brandeis, YMCA-YWCA and Walmart. She also owned and operated Creative Crafts and Hobbies in downtown Grand Island for many years.

She was a member of Evangelical Free Church, the Red Hat Ladies, the Betty-Boop Club and past member of La Sertoma. She was a Brownie and

Girl Scout Leader and enjoyed gardening and crafting. Most of all she loved time spent socializing with family and friends as Betty was a social butterfly. Those left to cherish her memory include son, Scott (Lisa) Norton of Grand Island; daughters, Regina Norton and her husband, Dan Adams of Tucson, AZ, Sandy Johnson of Grand Island and Amy Norton of Grand Island; grandchildren, Mikayla (Zac) Bailey, Samantha (Alex) Murphy and Max Norton Findling; greatgrandchildren, Lexi Norton, Saphira and Scarlett Bailey, her best friend, Sheere Gleason, many grand dogs and cats and numerous friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Merton; an infant son, Lawrence Norton; her parents; brother, Lawrence "Max" Bates, and sister, Gail Looney.

A memorial fund will be established in memory of Betty.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.giallfaiths.com](http://www.giallfaiths.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Grand Island City Cemetery**

Grand Island, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty J. Norton*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Betty and I (and many others) shared our love for Sheere' Gleason's exercise class and visiting with the group over coffee and "treats" after exercising. It was very obvious that her family was number one to her. She had a fun attitude and loved visiting and being around people. That is probably why others enjoyed being around her. We have been missing her in our group and that will continue! We know you will miss her too, but she did have a wonderful life and was so proud of all of you. We pray that the happy memories will fill your hearts and days and that God will bless each of you. Margie and Marv Kohler*

**Margie Kohler** - December 20, 2018 at 05:45 PM



“ *Kim Molter purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Betty J. Norton.*



**Kim Molter** - December 19, 2018 at 10:55 PM



“ *Betty was my best friend Amy's mom. She was my "other mom" when Amy and I were in jr. High school together. She was an amazing lady and was always there for me when I needed her growing up. She was always loved and will be dearly missed.*

**Kim Molter** - December 19, 2018 at 10:50 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Betty J. Norton.*



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December 19, 2018 at 11:33 AM



“ *Beautiful woman inside and out! Peaceful thoughts of comfort being sent to all the family, especially you Sandy...What a wonderful journey that you enabled by your care and love of your Mom!*

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**Ti Weber** - December 18, 2018 at 11:20 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family, I know what a Special Lady she was and how much she meant to you and touched your lives with her love and care. May god comfort you through this time of loss. Shelly*



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**Shelly Gregg** - December 17, 2018 at 11:37 AM