



Betty Marie Stewart

February 22, 1924 - May 7, 2024

Betty Marie Stewart, 100 years young of Grand Island, passed away on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at her home at Primrose Retirement Community. Service and Celebration of Betty's life will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 28th at 2:00 p.m. with Reverend Kelly Karges officiating.

A gathering of family and friends begin at 1:00 p.m., an hour prior to the service. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. Memorials are to be made to the family for designation at a later date.

Betty was born February 22, 1924, on the family ranch in Holt County, the daughter of John F. and Alice (Evans) Storjohann. She grew up on the ranch, the 3rd of three girls, and graduated from Atkinson High School.

After high school she went on the University of Nebraska Lincoln to get her degree in Home Economics in 1947. She also did graduate work when living in Ellensburg, Washington.

She married E. Mickey Stewart on May 14, 1949, in Omaha. Following their marriage, they lived on the ranch north of O'Neill, moved to Washington state, then back to Nebraska to Alliance, and then Lincoln. They were the parents to two boys, who were fortunate to also grow up on the family ranch.

Betty lived her life as a working girl. She started as a rancher's wife. She taught Home Economics when in Alliance, and also participated in a radio program as "Betty for Beef" where she promoted beef recipes for the family,

and even printed a cookbook with that title. In Lincoln she worked for the Department of Social Services, and later was in sales and marketing for Holiday Inn as well as Brentwood Estates Retirement Community.

Betty was a very active and energetic person. She was interested in all phases of life and many times would express the fact that she “loved life”. She was definitely a morning person and had a strong faith in God. One of her favorite expressions was “God has been good to me”.

While in Lincoln Betty was active at St Mark’s Methodist Church, PEO, Eastern Star, Sigma Kappa sorority, Home and Community Home Economists, Retired Teachers, Salt Creek Wranglers Horse Club, and the American Quarter Horse Association.

Being a ranch girl Betty particularly loved horses. She was lucky to be able to own, breed and ride many nice quarter horses. She was an avid trail rider and earned her 10-year recognition buckle for participating in the Eminence, Missouri Trail Ride in the Ozarks. She loved to pass on her enthusiasm for horse activities to her friends and family, be it horse shows, trail rides, or using horses for ranch work.

She moved to Primrose Retirement of Grand Island in 2006 and loved the Primrose Community. She was an active participant in all the activities at Primrose and was deeply loved by everyone she knew. She was known as a pool shark and was even given her own pool cue by the guys she played against.

While there she was also an active promoter of the Grand Island Concert association.

Betty is survived by her sons Randall (Greta) of Spearfish, SD and Dr. Jay (Alice) of Wood River; grandchildren Kristin (Bob) Aungst of Maitland, Florida, Jared (Lexi) of Woodbine, Iowa, Lauren Stewart of Lincoln, and Evan (Anna) Stewart of Pineville, LA, two great grandchildren and several step great grandchildren. She was fortunate to be able to be in a 4-generation photo with son Jay, grandson Evan, and great grandson Arthur at Christmas of 2022. She was able to meet and be photographed with her last great grandchild, 6-

month-old Ella Marie, Christmas 2023.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Mickey, in 1998.

She was also preceded by her parents, and her two sisters Dolores Neumann of Chappell, NE and Lotis Cooper of Canfield, OH.

Betty was deeply loved by her family, her friends and her care givers. Our lives were richer for knowing her; she was a spark whose light has now been dimmed, and she will be greatly missed.

Happy Trails, Betty.

Previous Events

Gathering of friends and family

MAY 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
511 N Elm St
Grand Island, NE 68801-4599
(308) 382-1952

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was just preparing my Christmas cards and wondered about Betty. She was our neighbor when she and Mickey lived in Lincoln. We really enjoyed getting to know them and spending time with them. After she moved to Primrose I would send her a card every year. I was sorry to learn of her passing. She had a full, rich, and long life and I am sure she is celebrating being reunited with Mickey. Our sympathies to Betty's family.

Margaret Minary - December 03, 2024 at 04:47 PM

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“ Kathy, Eddie, and Anna Bartlett purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Betty Marie Stewart.



Kathy, Eddie, and Anna Bartlett - May 25, 2024 at 05:02 PM

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“ Dan &Lorna Walker Tracy & Steve Scannell purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Betty Marie Stewart.



Dan &Lorna Walker Tracy & Steve Scannell - May 22, 2024 at 10:10 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Betty s death. She was full of life an enthusiasm. I spent many trail rides with her. One going to the ranch, she took me to Emenence Missouri with her. What an adventure that week was. I was a transplnt to the Lincoln area from central Nebraska. I was feeling pretty down an worried that I had no one or place to ride horses with. Our insurance for my horse trailer was thru a woman who knew Betty. She apparently told Betty about me. Soon I received a cold call from Betty welcoming me to the area. She had a luncheon for me an before u know it I had a circle of horse riding friends. Some of them still good friends all these years later. I am forever grateful to Betty for her friendship. I am so sorry for your family’s loss. She was one of a kind. Kay Brass Lexington ne

kay Brass - May 20, 2024 at 05:30 PM