



## Betty M. Witherwax

August 30, 1941 - January 24, 2017

Betty M. Witherwax, 75 of Grand Island passed away on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at CHI- Health St. Francis.

Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday at All Faiths Funeral Home with visitation an hour prior. Joel Henson will officiate. Burial will follow at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Betty was born on August 30, 1941 near Sutton, daughter of Ephraim and Ethel (DeJung) Trautman.

She is survived by her husband, Ron Witherwax of Grand Island; son, Tony (Julie) Trautman of Grand Island; daughter, Angela (Steve) Mook of Grand Island; brothers, Steve Trautman of Waverly, and Dayle Trautman of Durant, OK; sisters, Sandy (Les) Ladd of Fremont, and Ruth of Geneva; grandchildren, Crystal, Cori, and Anders; ten great-grandchildren; along with numerous extended family and friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Fredrick and Larry Trautman; sister, Linda Slapnichka; and sister-in-law, Mary Lou Trautman.

Betty was raised and received her education in Geneva.

On February 1, 1967 she was united in marriage to Ron Witherwax. The family made their home in Grand Island, where she worked numerous odd jobs over the years but was a mother first and foremost.

For almost 40 years Betty and Ron were members of the REACT volunteers. During many storms and disasters Betty would keep moral up and the chili warm. Extending a helping hand was natural for Betty, she accepted many foster children and foster animals into her home.

Betty enjoyed camping and watching her favorite crime dramas. She was able to go to Las Vegas with her family to enjoy two of her favorite pastimes, gambling and NASCAR. Betty loved her animals, and worked for several years at the Central Nebraska Humane Society, where she would care for and often name all the cats and dogs. She adored her four legged friends, Gordy and Morgan.

The family has requested the memorials be designated to the Central Nebraska Humane Society to further care for all of the animals there.

# Cemetery Details

## Westlawn Memorial Park

Grand Island, NE

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty M. Witherwax*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *I want to say how Betty was like a mom to me I can remember the last time we talked she was so understanding I will miss her a lot my prayers go out to the Witherwax and Troutman families RIP*



**Joy Gibson** - January 26, 2017 at 08:26 AM

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*I am honored to count Betty as a friend and fellow volunteer on the emergency team! I have many memories of us working together keeping the Hall County area informed on weather-related issues and disasters, from simple weather alerts to snow runs to traffic control to the 1980 tornado. Betty was dedicated and good at her work! We could always depend that she "had our back" when we were out in the field doing our part.*

*It is with sadness that I read of her passing. My thoughts and prayers are with Ron, her children and her extended family as they go thru this transition of grief and celebration of her life. EOW 1-24-2017 10-7*

**Barbe (Beyer) Huffman** - January 27, 2017 at 04:54 PM