



Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Schmidt

October 17, 1924 - February 27, 2020

Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Schmidt, of Grand Island passed away on Thursday, February 27, 2020.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Cathedral. The celebrant is Father Jim Golka. Burial will be at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday at All Faiths Funeral Home with a Rosary at 7:00.

Betty was born October 17, 1924 in Fullerton, NE, the daughter of Adolph and Velma (Ostblom) Smaha. Her father passed away shortly before her birth. Soon after, the family moved to Lincoln. Betty graduated from Lincoln High School in 1942 and attended NU for two years.

On February 23, 1946, Betty was united in marriage to Robert Schmidt at St. Mary's Cathedral in Lincoln. The following year the couple moved to Grand Island. Betty worked numerous part-time jobs as her children were growing up. She was employed by the Bureau of Reclamation and later by McDannel Realty and Insurance for 28 years as secretary and realtor. In 1963, Betty helped organize the original Insurance Women of Grand Island, an affiliate of The National Association of Insurance Women. She served on numerous state and regional committees.

Music played a big role in her life. She sang for her first wedding at age four and had her own radio show at age five. While in college, she sang with a U.S. Air Force orchestra at the Lincoln Air Force Base, doing dances, radio

shows and entertaining in the hospital wards. She later toured the Midwest with the Ozzie Clark Orchestra out of Kansas City. In Grand Island, she was vocalist with the Harry Collins and Ed Lechner bands. Betty sang with the St. Mary's Cathedral Choir for over 65 years and was a charter member of City Singers.

Betty was an avid Husker football fan and tailgater. She enjoyed dancing, bowling and playing cards, but most of all she loved being with her family. She was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral, the Cathedral Choir, Cathedral Ladies, the Platt Duetsche and Platt Duetsche Ladies Society, B.P.O. Elks #604 and B.P.O. Does #147, and the Grand Island Little Theater.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Sandra (Mike) Tipton of Grand Island; sons, Gary (Pam) Schmidt of Santa Rosa, CA and Roger (Karla) Schmidt of Grand Island; ten grandchildren, Nichole (Lee) Ray, Stacy (Damon) Parker, Jeffery Tipton, Brian (Shannon) Tipton, Ryan (Michele) Schmidt, Robert (Sierra) Schmidt, Brandy (Mike) Raymond, Gina (Sean) Levesque, Clair Schmidt and Philip (Jessica) Schmidt; twenty-five great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Schmidt who passed in 1968; her parents; stepfather, Chick Byrnes and an infant brother.

Memorials are suggested to St. Mary's Cathedral and Central Catholic Schools.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

Grand Island, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 398-2929
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Cathedral
112 S Cedar St
Grand Island, NE 68801-5897
(308) 384-2523

Tribute Wall



“ Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Schmidt

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ I was looking for my Aunt Pat Kaiser's obituary and noticed this one. I spoke to Mrs. Schmidt only a couple of times but regret I didn't ask more questions of her. What an accomplished and resilient woman! You and your family have our deepest sympathy.
Gary and Sheila Hubbard

Gary L. Hubbard - March 24, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ Betty Schmidt was a good friend of my mother-in-law (Luch Belle Simon). I only met Betty one time, but she was one of those people I remember long after a brief meeting. In the summer of 1973 we attended the annual picnic at the Liederkrantz, an event unlike anything I had ever experienced as a farm kid. When the call came for participants in the “egg toss” my wife declined, but Betty hearing our discussion volunteered to be my partner. To say that either of us was “a natural” would be over-stating it, but we were both tossing and catching very well, when a young boy cut right in front of me as I was about to deliver a careful toss back to Betty. His rude intrusion ended our chances for success, but I can still hear Betty's laughter as she commented that I should go into giving “egg shampoos” if my career plans didn't work out.

Robert Kerr - March 08, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Schmidt.*



March 02, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ *Dear Schmidt Family, especially Gary and Pam, You have my deepest sympathy and prayers on reading of the passing of your dear mother, Betty. I remember her well from St. Mary's Cathedral Choir and GI City Singers.....what a great, happy person she was, as well as a great musician. I'm sure she's already singing in the Heavenly Choirs! Also, be aware that she will send you little signs, letting you know that she is okay. I know you will miss her terribly, but she lives on in your hearts! And she is interceding before the throne of God for all of you/us left behind to finish living our lives. May God give your comfort as you give your loved one back to God.*

*With love, sympathy, and prayers,
Sister Philomene Reiland CSJ*

Sister Philomene Reiland CSJ - March 02, 2020 at 02:02 PM



Thank you for your kind sentiments

Pam Schmidt - March 10, 2020 at 03:15 AM



“ *How do you say great things about a beautiful gal. So outgoing and optimistic. A member of the Ins Women of Grand Island. Serving her community. If you wanted to get something done, ask Betty. .Have many wonderful memories of going to events with Betty. What a wonderful life. RIP*

Sharon Gergen - March 01, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ *Was so sorry to hear of your loss, was happy I got to see her on tuesday. We all loved Betty. Such a sweet lady. Sharon Garcia*

sharon Garcia - February 29, 2020 at 06:49 AM



“ *Jim And Dana White lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Schmidt*



Jim and Dana White - February 28, 2020 at 10:49 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Schmidt.*



February 28, 2020 at 09:21 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Schmidt.*



February 28, 2020 at 04:37 PM