



## Betty Mae Groves

June 13, 1929 - November 16, 2013

Betty Mae Groves was born on June 13, 1929 in Stapleton, Nebraska to Russell and Mildred (Jones) Smith. She grew up in Brownsville, Nebraska and six miles south of Valley on a farm where she attended District #24 grade school before graduating from Valley High School. Betty's parents were in a serious accident in the early 1940's and while they were laid up with extended recoveries, Betty took over running the household and doing the chores. Betty and her sister Bonnie were very close during their lives.

Betty married Benjamin Groves on September 25, 1971 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Elkhorn, Nebraska. They made their home in south Omaha.

Betty worked for many years at the Stockyards in South Omaha and later at the Thomas Fitzgerald Veteran's Home in west Omaha. Betty loved her extended family and was often a surrogate mother to many of her nieces and nephews. Lovingly referred to as the "crazy red-head" she was compassionate, caring and dedicated but did have an ornery streak. Betty would not argue with anyone, she would "wave" them off and go about her business. She was an avid Husker fan and collector of Betty Boop memorabilia.

Betty passed away on Saturday, November 16, 2013 at Life Care of Elkhorn at the age of 84 years, 5 months and 3 days. She was preceded in death by her parents Russell and Mildred; her sister Bonnie Rolfs and her brothers David and Robert. Betty is survived by brother-in-law Allan Rolfs of Elkhorn nieces and nephews: Diane and Rex Moats of Elkhorn, Bob Rolfs of Elkhorn, Chuck

Nicholson of Omaha, Larry and Sharon Nicholson of Del City, OK, Scott and Angie Smith of Waterloo, Nebraska and Tami and Russ LaBar of Waterloo; and many other cousins, nieces and nephews.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Mae Groves*

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