



Betty Jane Merryweather

August 1, 1925 - January 18, 2009

Betty Jane (Petersen) Merryweather was born on August 1, 1925 in Bennington, Nebraska to Peter and Gertrude (Penke) Petersen. She grew up in the Waterloo area where she attended grade school and high school before moving to Herman, Nebraska where she graduated in 1944. Following graduation, she worked as a dental assistant in Omaha.

Betty married Robert (Bud) Merryweather on July 21, 1946 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Omaha, Nebraska and to this union three children were born: Robert, Gretchen and Kent. Betty and Bud have always made their home in the Valley area. Betty and Bud are charter members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Valley where in her earlier years she was a Sunday school teacher.

Betty worked at Rob-See-Co for a short time but first and foremost she was a wife and mother, staying home with her young family. As her family grew up, she and Bud made it a priority to attend their children's and grandchildren's activities. She enjoyed simple pleasures and was tremendously organized. Betty was dedicated to Bud and loved to spend time with her family. She enjoyed stamp and coin collecting, scrapbooking, needlepoint and embroidery.

Betty passed away on Sunday, January 18, 2009 at the Valhaven Nursing

Home in Valley, Nebraska at the age of 83 years, 5 months and 17 days. She was preceded in death by her parents Peter and Gertrude and sister LeiLany Rasmussen. Betty is survived by husband Robert *Bud*; sons and daughters-in-law Robert and Jacqueline of Columbia, SC and Kent and Peggy of Waterloo, NE; daughter and son-in-law Gretchen and Brendon Lee of Bloomington, IL; 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren; brother Curtis Petersen of Herman, NE; and nieces and nephews.

Courtesy of Reichmuth Funeral Homes

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Jane Merryweather*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I was saddened to learn of the passing of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I will always remember Betty for the yummy pancakes and cornmeal "mush" that she cooked for breakfast on the many sleep overs, when Kent and I were young boys. Her breakfasts were always delicious!!! Sincerely,*

Jack Schiessler

Jack Schiessler - January 21, 2009 at 10:06 AM



“ *Bob, Kent and Gretchen and families:*

We just spoke to Betty and Bud just a few weeks ago and had seen her many times down at Valhaven as I visited my mother. We are truly saddened by her passing and we'll miss the friendly "Hello" she always offered, even if we didn't see her down the hall. You folks are all in our prayers.

Ron and Denise Lenhart and family

Ron and Denise Lenhart - January 20, 2009 at 07:33 AM