



Betty J. Clark

August 30, 1924 - September 28, 2016

Funeral Services for Betty will be held on Monday, October 3, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Geneva, Nebraska with Pastor Stephen Kruschel officiating.

Visitation will be held on Sunday (10/2/2016) at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with family being present from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Graveside services will be conducted from the Geneva Public Cemetery following the funeral service at Grace Lutheran Church.

Memorials are to be directed to the family for a later designation.

Betty J Clark was born to Charles Van Patten and Nellie Foltz Van Patten on August 29, 1924 in Grafton, NE and passed away September 28, 2016 in Geneva, NE. She had just celebrated her 92nd birthday. She was one of 7 children. Betty was married to Robert J Clark of Geneva, NE and to them 4 children were born. Betty was a member of Grace Lutheran Church.

Betty spent a good part of her 92 years raising children. She worked at Rainbow World Daycare for over 20 years and finally retired at the age of 80. Before working at the Daycare, Betty spent her entire life watching kids in her home. Her home had an open door for anyone to stop by at any time. She never met a stranger. Since Betty never drove, you'd constantly see her walking her way all over town. It wasn't uncommon to see Betty going down to the grocery store with multiple kids following obediently behind her. She showed unconditional love to all the kids she raised, but she was not afraid to wash your mouth out with soap if she caught you cursing! To most of us, Betty was Gran...plain and simple, just Gran! There are hundreds of stories to tell about how she lived her life. She was loving and kind yet ornery and serious when involved in a game of pinochle with her brothers. She had family all over the country, so Gran spent a large amount of time traveling. She loved to get on the airplane and go visit her family and friends wherever they may be. She loved to fish and go to garage sales on Saturday mornings usually with a few kids in tow. Her egg sandwiches were second to none. To this day, nobody has

made a better one than Gran. She also spent numerous years sharing her faith with children by teaching the Good News Club with Donna Wilkins and Pioneer Club with Dr. Hollis. She was a true giver and never expected nor wanted anything in return but the thousands of smiles on these children's faces. For many years, her and her husband Bob sponsored a child so they could attend Church Camp. She was the icon of the Clark family and over the years was able to share so many stories and adventures that otherwise may have gone unknown. She will be deeply missed by many people.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Clark, her parents Charles and Nellie Van Patten, son Robert "Peter" Clark, Jr, sister Nellie Mae "Pat" Graeber, brothers Charles Van Patten, Jim Van Patten, Jack Van Patten, Joe Van Patten and William "Blackie" Van Patten.

She is survived by daughter Kathryn "Sally" Miller (Stan) of Geneva, NE, sons Patrick (Amy) Clark of Nikiski, Alaska and Jackie Lee (JoAnn) Clark of Alamogordo, New Mexico, daughter-in-law Carolyn Clark of Clio, Michigan, daughter/niece Bobbie Dee Johnson of Ottawa, Kansas, sister-in-law Shirley Van Patten of York, NE. Betty had 9 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and 8 great, great grandchildren as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home
242 N 10th Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3617
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

OCT 3. 10:30 AM (CT)


Grace Lutheran Church
434 N 16th Street
Geneva, NE 68361

Tribute Wall

KR

“ I just learned of Betty's passing. She was like a second mother to me. Loved spending time with her & Bob. Many fond memories of going on walks with Betty and looking for unusual rocks along the railroad tracks. One particular memory is of being at Betty & Bob's and Betty was peeling potatoes for dinner. The boys all got a slice of raw potato to snack on, I asked for one and did not like it...but there was no spitting it out. The boys & Betty made sure of that!!
Sending prayers and love to the family
Kim (Wilkins) Raney

Kim (Wilkins) Raney - October 04, 2016 at 08:17 AM

 Ramona Schippers

“ Sorry to hear of her passing, I remember her from church and the boys also went to day care when she worked there.

Ramona Schippers - October 03, 2016 at 03:16 PM

DW

“ I wish to extend my condolences at the passing of your mother. She was a special person to know. David Wilkins

David B Wilkins - October 03, 2016 at 09:46 AM

MC

“ Deepest sympathy to all of Betty's family & friends.

Mary Castro
Lincoln, NE

Mary Castro - October 03, 2016 at 09:21 AM



“ 28 files added to the album Clark Flowers



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - October 03, 2016 at 08:31 AM

JF

“ Jackie L Clark-Kane & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Betty J. Clark.



Jackie L Clark-Kane & Family - October 01, 2016 at 10:41 AM



“ Clark Schulte lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Clark



Clark Schulte - October 01, 2016 at 09:31 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty J. Clark.



September 30, 2016 at 06:33 PM

VC

“ Virginia Carlson lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Clark



Virginia Carlson - September 30, 2016 at 02:11 PM

VC

Betty will be missed by many who knew who. She was a great lady. Loving and caring. I always looked forward to seeing and visiting with her at Heritage. My sympathy to her family.

Virginia Carlson - September 30, 2016 at 02:14 PM

AR

“ My heart hurts for the family and the loss of such a wonderful woman. I only knew Gran for a short time but what a joy it was to have met her. I'll never forget her kind straight forward words she always had for me. She will be missed forsure. Nothing but love to her family at this time. Sorry for the loss of Gran. I love ypu all dearly.

Angela Rowland - September 30, 2016 at 12:45 PM

MW

“ Melea Walters lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Clark



Melea Walters - September 29, 2016 at 11:28 AM

MB

“ Mary Brinkman lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Clark



Mary Brinkman - September 29, 2016 at 07:51 AM

BE

“ Barbara Zimmerman Engelbrecht lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Clark



Barbara Zimmerman Engelbrecht - September 29, 2016 at 07:11 AM

BM

“ Brenda Motis lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Clark



Brenda Motis - September 28, 2016 at 08:57 PM

BM

"Grandma Betty" worked at Rainbow World Daycare for many years and touched the lives of many children who went there. Four of those children over the years were ours and they are better individuals today because of the love and discipline given to them by this wonderful lady. She touched the hearts of many and will be missed.

*Our deepest sympathy to the family of Betty.
Mike, Brenda, Thane, Caroline, Gatlin and Travien Motis*

Brenda Motis - September 28, 2016 at 09:05 PM

LP

“ LaDonna Pendleton lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Clark



LaDonna Pendleton - September 28, 2016 at 08:38 PM