



## Betty J. Farmer

May 28, 1950 - November 4, 2020

Betty Jean Farmer was born to Albert Benjamin Miller and Violet Ruth (Goodman) Miller on May 28, 1950 in Hebron, Nebraska. She passed away at Heritage Crossings on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at the age of 70 years, 5 months, 7 days. She was the youngest of three children in her family.

Betty grew up on the family farm south of the Bethel Church on the county line between Thayer & Fillmore. She was baptized in the Methodist Church and was a Member of the Geneva United Methodist Church. She graduated from Shickley High School as salutatorian with the class of 1968. Her nickname throughout high school was 'Sunshine' and it was easy to see why. She excelled at band in high school, playing the saxophone, accompanying vocal works on the piano, and serving as drum major. After high school, she attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. She was a proud member of Delta Gamma Sorority, following in her sister, Sharon's, footsteps. While at UNL, she pursued classes in nursing, transferring to Lincoln General School of Nursing and obtaining her Registered Nursing degree. After her sophomore year, her dad gave her and Sharon the choice between a piano and car, and Sharon chose the piano. Betty ended up with canary yellow 1970 Chevelle to get her around Lincoln, and she loved telling stories about that car. During college, she met Paul Farmer. He was finishing up his undergrad at Nebraska Wesleyan and would be attending Mortuary School in San Francisco. They courted for a couple years and were married on August 20, 1971 at the First

Congregation United Church Of Christ in Geneva. They made their first home at the Funeral Home in Geneva for 6 years, before purchasing a house on the east side of Geneva and making it a home, raising three children there: Nathan, Shaun & Paige.

Betty utilized her nursing degree and worked at several different places in her working years. She started at Dr. Lynn's Medical Clinic, worked several years for Dr. Caroll Verhage, served as a home health nurse for a time, and finished up her nursing career as the school nurse for Fillmore Central Public Schools. She enjoyed this job most as it allowed her see her children while they were in school. She always regretted not going back to school to get her BSN, but she continued to further her nursing education through reading medical journals and continuing education required to keep her license. She truly loved caring for others.

As a child, her hard-working father didn't want his little girls actively involved in the operation of the farm, but she found ways to enjoy the farm life. From her ponies Rapid Richard and Tony The Pony, to her dogs, pet skunks and raccoons, she made the best of farm life and had great memories of growing up on the farm. She absolutely loved her animals and instilled this in her kids as they all experienced having rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, cats, and dogs. Being the youngest of three, she also adored her brother DeRoy, and sister Sharon. As a child, she recalled being pulled around in one of DeRoy's go-kart shop creations or cruising in his old Chevy's. She was always the willing one who was designated to experiment with his new creations.

Betty was especially proud of her home. She was blessed with an extraordinary artistic ability, painting in her high school years and teaching herself calligraphy as an adult. She shared this beautiful scrip writing with many. She loved to decorate for the holidays, garden and plant flowers. She would tackle any cross word puzzle, loved the Soap Opera All My Children,

and enjoyed participating in several different bridge groups. She also had a solid golf game. She'd never played the game until marrying a Farmer, and PR taught her all she knew about the game and they enjoyed many fun times out at Hidden Hills Country Club at the pool, 4th of July parties, playing couples league, and enjoying the Member Guest tournaments of old for many years with their good friends. Betty was also an especially great cook, with an extensive assortment of recipes. From desserts to four-course meals, she could do it all in the kitchen. One of her family's favorite meals to prepare for her family was round steak, mashed potatoes, sweet corn and baked beans. She could never make enough of that meal.

She and PR loved to travel visiting many different destinations along the way with many good friends. Trips to Las Vegas, The Panama Canal, Boston (where she found she detested oysters on the half shell), Jamaica (where she developed a lifelong love affair with Escargot), Cazumel, St. Thomas, The Grand Caymans, Puerto Vallarta, St. Lucia, and Cabo San Lucas, just to name a few. She especially loved St. Lucia and The Grand Caymans, even sharing the love of The Grand Caymans with her family on a trip in 2011.

As time moved on we watched Betty struggle with the pressures of life. As a nurse, she always felt like she knew the answer to her problems, but the depression was real and the choices she made to cope were hard on her and her family, but we never let that define her. She was more than that to us. She was a wife, mother of 3, and grandmother of 7 who loved with her whole heart and we knew that she still had that love inside of her, even in the last days of her life. Though difficult to let her go, we were blessed to have her in our lives and take comfort knowing that she is no longer suffering.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Albert & Vi; and brother DeRoy Miller.

She is survived by her husband P.R. of Geneva; children Nathan Farmer & wife Liz of Elkhorn, Nebraska, Shaun Farmer & wife Heidi of Geneva, Nebraska, and Paige Weedin and husband Drew of Aurora, Nebraska; grandchildren Liam Farmer, Ashlyn, Leah, & Dane Farmer, and Delaney, Henley, and Albert Weedin; sister Sharon McDonald and husband Tom of Lincoln, Nebraska; nephews Dan Miller and wife Sarah and their children Hannah & Hailey of Carleton, Nebraska, Ryan Miller & wife Lesley and their children Regan & Beau of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Tyler Miller & wife Megan and their children Mason & Milo of Lincoln, Nebraska; cousins and many friends.

A Funeral Service for Betty was held on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Geneva, Nebraska. Pastor Doug Griger and Kim Dunker officiated the Funeral Service. The recorded selections "To Where You Are," "Somewhere Over The Rainbow," and "Someday, We'll Be Together" were played during the service.

Pallbearers for the service included Nathan Farmer, Shaun Farmer, Drew Weedin, Dan Miller, Tyler Miller, and Ryan Miller. Interment was held in the Geneva Public Cemetery following the Funeral Service.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com) Memorials are suggested to the Geneva United Methodist Church or the Fillmore County Hospital Foundation.

# Cemetery Details

## Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Family Present for Visitation

NOV 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CG

“ My memories of Betty go way back to 1967 when we started to get to know one another. We were in the same class. Our friendship lasted until 1970 sophomore year at University of Nebraska when I moved to the west coast. She was very beautiful and kind. I am sooo sorry to hear of her passing. May her whole family and friends be blessed by having enjoyed her presence in their lives.  
Carol Grace



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**Carol Grace** - February 16, 2021 at 10:11 AM

GC

“ To PR and family, belated condolences on the passing of Betty Jean. You helped me with the passing of my parents (George and Bethene Cook back in 1991 and 1993). I hope the same compassion you displayed then has been received by you.

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**George Cook** - December 20, 2020 at 03:57 PM

BB

“ Sorry to hear the news of Betty's passing. May memories of love and laughter warm your hearts in the days to come



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**Bobbie Bock-Itzen** - November 14, 2020 at 01:16 AM

NB

“ Nick Boyes lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Farmer



Nick Boyes - November 09, 2020 at 06:02 AM

MN

“ PR, and families, We are sorry to see of your loss just wanted you to know I have said a prayer for your family as you go through this loss. Pr you and your family gave everyone your care when a loved one went on their journey home now we can give you our thoughts and hands in prayer back to you. GODS BLESSINGS . LARRY AND MADOLENE NEUBAUER.

Madolene Neubauer - November 08, 2020 at 01:30 PM

BC

*Sending our sympathy to you, P.R. on your loss. Our thoughts and prayers. Larry and Bonnie Cudaback*

Bonnie Cudaback - November 09, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ PR & family - We are so sorry to hear of Betty's passing. She was one of the kindest person that we've ever known. She will definitely be missed by all. Our thoughts & prayers to all of you in this trying time.



*Frank & Karla Slezak*

Karla Slezak - November 07, 2020 at 10:43 PM

SB

“ I have such fond memories of Betty & her kindness to Brock & I during our few years in Geneva. She was such a sweet soul who took my baby in and would help me navigate in life as a young single mom. I appreciate her friendship at school, church & home!  
Stephanie Bourek-Hoyt (and Brock)

Stephanie Bourek-Hoyt - November 07, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ 91 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - November 07, 2020 at 01:06 PM

TL

“ We wish we could be there with you today, but please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time!

Tony & Nicole Levander and Family  
Ron & Mary Levander & Family

Tony Levander - November 07, 2020 at 09:18 AM

MR

“ Sorry about Betty, she was a beautiful, kind lady and will be missed!  
Our Deepest Sympathy

Mark & Sarah Reinsch - November 06, 2020 at 10:41 PM

LB

“ PR,Nate,Shaun and Paige: My thoughts and prayers are with each of you as you mourn the loss of Betty. May you find strength and comfort from your memories of her warmth and love which will be with you always. An entire community is holding your hands as you have held so many of ours during our time of grief. In God's love,  
Lorri Barbur Burns

Lorri Burns - November 06, 2020 at 10:14 PM

BB

“ P. R., I am so sorry to hear about Betty!!! You & your family will be in my thoughts & prayers. I have to share something about Betty. I think you will appreciate this P.R.! When I moved to Geneva, Betty said her & I were going golfing! Oh man!! I had never golfed in my life!!! She took me out to Hidden Hills & she was going to teach me to golf. She gave me her driver & showed me how to hit!! 🏌️😭 I asked her how long we were going to play & she said “done at Hole 18!”. It was a loooong afternoon to say the least!!! I had fun spending time with Betty but I hated the golf!! Betty was always a 1st class lady!!! She was a hell of a golfer though!!! I have picked up the game of golf!! Now I love it!! Thank you Betty & you will never be forgotten!! ❌❤️🙏

Beth Biegert Brothers - November 06, 2020 at 07:24 PM

LP

“ Ladonna Pendleton lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Farmer



Ladonna Pendleton - November 06, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betty J. Farmer.



November 06, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betty J. Farmer.



November 06, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ With our deepest sympathy at this difficult time. The Lautenschlagers



**Sandra Lautenschlager** - November 06, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ To P.R. Nate and Shaun,...I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I just want you to know that I will keep all your family in my thoughts and prayers. God bless.

*Terry Kucera*

**terry kucera** - November 06, 2020 at 10:19 AM

JB

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. My sympathy to all of you

*Jenice Bates*

**Jenice Bates** - November 06, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty J. Farmer.



November 06, 2020 at 09:51 AM

PW

“ I am so sorry for your loss! My deepest sympathies to you all!  
*Patti Lichti Wenz*

**Patti Wenz** - November 06, 2020 at 09:49 AM

MB

“ We are so very sorry for your loss.  
We know Betty will be deeply missed by all who loved & knew her.



**Marvin & Bridgette Brummer** - November 06, 2020 at 09:37 AM

AW

“ Sorry to read about your loss. Thinking of you all. Arvid Wiest,  
*Beatrice*

**Arvid Wiest** - November 06, 2020 at 09:11 AM

VJ

“ Thoughts and prayers! 💕



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**Virginia Johnson** - November 06, 2020 at 08:34 AM

KG

“ So sorry for your loss. With sympathy and prayers to your family

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**Kathy (Kassik) and Tom Gillmore** - November 06, 2020 at 07:55 AM

BS

“ We were saddened to hear of Betty's passing. Prayers for the family. A life taken too soon!  
*Bonnie and Jack Sibert*

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**Bonnie Sibert** - November 06, 2020 at 07:39 AM

CR

“ Caleb Rippe lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Farmer



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**Caleb Rippe** - November 06, 2020 at 04:59 AM

DT

“ Dayle Turner lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Farmer



Dayle Turner - November 05, 2020 at 08:44 PM



“ Carol Best lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Farmer



Carol Best - November 05, 2020 at 07:27 PM

SS

“ Steve & Barb Sadd lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Farmer



steve & barb sadd - November 05, 2020 at 07:19 PM

CB

“ I always enjoyed talking to Betty when I saw her in the store. She was serving as the school nurse when I told her that I wished the school nurse back in my elementary school days would have been as friendly & attractive as her. She would laugh & tell me that I wouldn't have been able to fake an illness with her either! I thought highly of her & will have fond memories of our visits. Our sympathy, Charlie & Deb Barbur

CHARLIE BARBUR - November 05, 2020 at 06:22 PM

DJ

“ *Doug & Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Farmer*



**doug & Patty Johnson** - November 05, 2020 at 05:49 PM

JS

“ *Jerry & Karen Snodgrass lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Farmer*



**Jerry & Karen Snodgrass** - November 05, 2020 at 05:32 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Betty J. Farmer.*



November 05, 2020 at 04:46 PM

BM

“ *We are very sorry to hear of your loss!  
Deepest prayers and sympathy to your family.  
Mike and Brenda Motis*



**Brenda Motis** - November 05, 2020 at 04:45 PM

LE

“ *PR and Family,*

*We were truly sorry to hear of Betty's illness and passing. Betty was no stranger, having known the Miller and Farmer families for years. You guys were a good team and there is an empty space in your lives. Enjoy the memories you have made over the years. Remember all the kind words you spoke to all of us when we lost a loved one. Now it is your turn to hear those words. Our thoughts, prayers and sympathy to all of you. God Bless.*

*Larry and Barbara Eichelberger*

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**Larry Eichelberger** - November 05, 2020 at 03:54 PM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Farmer*



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**Kent & Rose Theobald** - November 05, 2020 at 03:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty J. Farmer.*



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November 05, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty J. Farmer.*



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November 05, 2020 at 02:24 PM



“ *Sad to hear the passing of Betty. She was a wonderful co worker at the school for years. Betty had the biggest heart and loved her family so much! Rest In Peace friend*



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**Deb Buerer-Jenkins** - November 05, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ *My thoughts go out to the family and friends. She was one of the most kind, caring, loving people I ever met. My heart goes out to P.R., Nate, Shawn and Paige.*

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**Charles Clark** - November 05, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ *I would like to extend my condolences to P.R., Shaun, and their families.*



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**Jeff Kuncl** - November 05, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ *Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Betty J. Farmer.*



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November 05, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ *Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Farmer*



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**Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer** - November 05, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ *Randy & Rhonda Schlick lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Farmer*



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**Randy & Rhonda Schlick** - November 05, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ *Betty I am saddened you left us but I know now you are in a way better place where there are no demons chasing you. Plus you will be reunited with your little buddy. Rest In Peace my dear friend.*

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**Patsy Gewecke** - November 05, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betty J. Farmer.* ”



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November 05, 2020 at 09:30 AM