

## Betty Roe

March 1, 1930 - April 12, 2020

LaVerne Elizabeth “Betty” Roe was born to Leonard Duncan Norrie and Bernice Neva (Carpenter) Norrie on March 1, 1930 at Sabetha, Kansas. She passed away on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020 at Heritage Crossings Nursing Home in Geneva, Nebraska at the age of 90 years, 1 month, and 11 days. She was one of 4 children born in the family.

Betty grew up in the Sabetha, Kansas area until the family moved to Blue Rapids, Kansas when she was 9 years old. As a 7th grader, the family moved to Linn, Kansas. During high school, she worked at Zita Beauty Shop, the Linn Drugstore, Peter’s Grocery, and Blaske Café. Betty graduated from Linn High School with the class of 1948. She then moved to Marysville, Kansas with her parents. She soon took a job for SW Bell Telephone Company for a year. On January 7, 1949, she married Leslie Otwell and moved to Palmer, Kansas, and to this union two children were born: James Alan and Douglas Gregory.

While living in Palmer, Betty and Leslie owned and operated Otwell Truck Line and Betty learned to drive trucks and all aspects of owning the business. She was also a relief operator for the Palmer Telephone Company, and she ended up working for them for 20 years. Betty and Leslie were later divorced.

In 1969, Betty met Wally Roe and they were married on April 10, 1970 in Geneva, Nebraska. She traveled with him and his construction work for 9

years from job site to job site. They made their permanent home in Geneva in 1980 where she took care of their home and garden.

Betty enjoyed bowling, fishing, crocheting, sewing, embroidery and many handi-crafts. She also enjoyed Husker Football and Royals Baseball. She had a green thumb and could grow anything, and she was very proud of her flowers and garden. Each year she canned or froze enough vegetables to last through the entire year. She was a member of the United Methodist Church for over 50 years and a member of the Geneva VFW Auxiliary. Betty will be remembered for her friendly and caring demeanor.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Wally; her parents; son, Douglas Gregory; brothers Rex Norrie and Robert Norrie; and sister-in-laws Moline Gergen and Mary Norrie.

She is survived by her son James Otwell and wife, Jana of Onaga, Kansas; Jerry Roe of Arizona and Cheri (Roe) DeLong of Scottsbluff, Nebraska; brother Ray Norrie of Stillwater, Oklahoma; 11 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, relatives, and other friends.

A Funeral Service for Betty was held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva. Kim Dunker officiated the service. The recorded musical selections played during the service were "In The Garden" and "Amazing Grace."

Pallbearers for the service included Rodney Norrie, Corey Ellison, Shaun Farmer, and Mike Brower. A Graveside Service 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 United Methodist Church in Geneva or the Geneva VFW Post 7102.

# Cemetery Details

## Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

# Previous Events

## Visitation

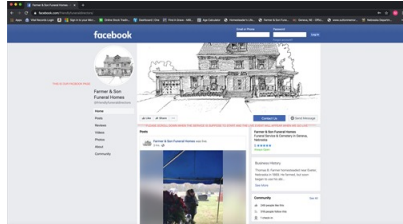
APR **15**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Farmer & Son Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Roe*



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**Farmer & Son Funeral Home** - April 16, 2020 at 10:41 AM

LG

“ *I just learned today of the passing of my cousin, Betty. I will always remember her great sense of humor. Please accept our deepest sympathies.*

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**Linda Steiner Goodwin** - August 03, 2020 at 10:44 AM

AS

“ *We were very good friends growing up. I have many fond memories of Betty. My sincere sympathy to family!*  
*Anita Singular*

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**Anita Singular** - April 17, 2020 at 05:04 PM

OF

“ 5 files added to the album *Family Memories*



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**Otwell Family** - April 16, 2020 at 09:25 PM

JR

“ We are going to miss you Betty. Being my Stepmother for so many years, you were truly a member of our family. You suffered for so long, now finally you are at peace and back with Dad where you always wanted to be.

*Love and Miss you!*

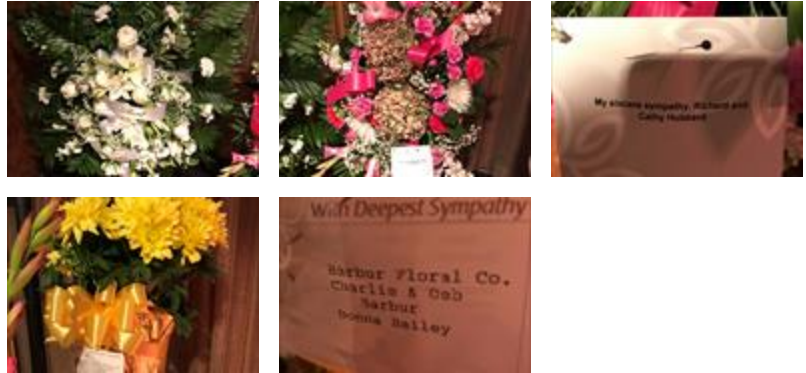
*Jerry*

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**Jerry Roe** - April 16, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ 10 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - April 16, 2020 at 09:49 AM



“ So many memories of Palmer days with Betty and her wonderful sons. Not soon forgotten!

freda hartman - April 16, 2020 at 08:00 AM



“ I have pictures of our mothers as good friends just like you and I are. My condolences to you and Jana.

Geraldine Stunkel - April 16, 2020 at 07:30 AM



Thank you Geraldine !

Otwell Family - April 16, 2020 at 02:50 PM

CO

“ 1 file added to the album Family Memories



Clinton J Otwell - April 15, 2020 at 07:27 PM

SH

“ Betty was a dear friend and birthday buddy to me. She and I always shared birthday greetings and Christmas greetings. If we were in the Palmer, KS area at the same time, she would always look me up. She also cut my hair and gave me perms when I was a child. I remember getting a dollar from my Mom and walking to Betty's house for hair cuts. We shared many a lively conversation. Loved her dearly and will miss her. My sympathies are extended to her family. God bless you all.

Sharon Heitman - April 15, 2020 at 06:46 PM

OF

Thank you so much Sharon, Grandma loved you very much and thought so much of your birthday tradition.

Otwell Family - April 16, 2020 at 02:50 PM

CO

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Clinton J Otwell - April 15, 2020 at 06:08 PM

CO

“ 1 file added to the album *Family Memories*



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**Clinton J Otwell** - April 15, 2020 at 06:02 PM

CO

“ 1 file added to the album *Family Memories*



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**Clinton J Otwell** - April 15, 2020 at 05:01 PM

KW

“ *Hi Jim, sending sympathy and prayers to you and your family at this difficult time.*

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**Karen (Bargman) Wiemers** - April 15, 2020 at 04:52 PM

RM

*Sorry for your loss. Cherish the memories.*

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**Rhonda Perkins Manley** - April 16, 2020 at 08:24 AM

OF

*Thanks Karen*

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**Otwell Family** - April 16, 2020 at 02:48 PM

BH

“ *Many memories of Betty and her family in Palmer. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.*  
*Gary and Betty Hilton*

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**Betty Hilton** - April 15, 2020 at 04:06 PM



“ *6 files added to the album Family Memories*



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**Farmer & Son Funeral Home** - April 15, 2020 at 02:53 PM

PM

“ *Patty (Reith) Meinecke lit a candle in memory of Betty Roe*



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**Patty (Reith) Meinecke** - April 15, 2020 at 12:41 PM

HR

“ *Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of Betty Roe*



Holly Rippe - April 15, 2020 at 11:09 AM

ET

“ *Elaine Turgeon lit a candle in memory of Betty Roe*



Elaine Turgeon - April 14, 2020 at 06:57 PM

CH

“ *Chapman's lit a candle in memory of Betty Roe*



Chapman's - April 14, 2020 at 02:36 PM

MB

“ *Marvin & Bridgette Brummer lit a candle in memory of Betty Roe*



Marvin & Bridgette Brummer - April 14, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Roe.*



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April 14, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ *She was a blessing to always talk to. Miss seeing her smiling face and her gentle heart. Love Jeff and Barb*



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**Barb Whitley** - April 14, 2020 at 11:36 AM

CN

“ Aunt Betty and Uncle Wally always loved us so unconditionally. They were always so happy to see us. Oh my, that initiation into the family with a kiss on the lips from her and Uncle Wally, I had not been raised giving kisses like that, but I soon learned that there was no other way to greet the two of them, They cracked my shy shell!! So many wonderful memories with Aunt Betty. She taught me to crochet, I still have the throw that I made for my grandfather. Fond memories (Not) of the summer she taught me to clean and process slaughtered chickens for the freezer, YUCK. Haha. We always stopped to visit as we were coming back to Oklahoma from Idaho. She made us feel like she had been given the greatest gift ever (just our presence). We have very fond memories of the summer we visited Aunt Betty and Uncle Wally when he was working in Copan, Oklahoma. We stayed with them in their small RV for the weekend. They were such gracious host, giving up their bed to sleep on the dining table made into a very uncomfortable bed. Great time braking for garage sales and giving the local waitresses nonsense. So grateful in August 2018, coming home from Omaha, we stopped for a visit in the nursing home. God blessed us with her presence to recognize Russell, she just kept saying "my nephew, Russell" it filled our hearts with joy. Aunt Betty you will always be loved and missed. Give Uncle Wally a kiss from us.  
Love Russell, Connie and Rusty



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Connie Norrie - April 14, 2020 at 11:19 AM

FG

I always remember her in Palmer, Kansas growing up. Her oldest son and I went to school together and are good friends to this day. I Leary's will remember chicken harvesting at her house, when the chickens were clucking loudly I rode my bike the other way. She was a very fun loving happy lady. RIP Miss Betty! Freda Grover Hartman

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freda grover hartman Gales - April 14, 2020 at 05:50 PM

RS

“ Rhonda Schlick lit a candle in memory of Betty Roe



Rhonda Schlick - April 14, 2020 at 11:18 AM

VJ

“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Betty Roe



Virginia Johnson - April 14, 2020 at 08:45 AM

PP

“ My husband and his brother, Doug and Pete Pier, speak kindly of their Aunt Betty. She was always kind to them and they cherished her friendship.



Pat Pier - April 13, 2020 at 11:09 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Roe.



April 13, 2020 at 10:35 PM

CB

“ *Charline Fougeron Brown lit a candle in memory of Betty Roe*



Charline Fougeron Brown - April 13, 2020 at 09:50 PM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Betty Roe*



Kent & Rose Theobald - April 13, 2020 at 08:54 PM



“ *Betty was a wonderful woman with a heart of gold!*

Amy Franssen - April 13, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ *Amy Franssen lit a candle in memory of Betty Roe*



Amy Franssen - April 13, 2020 at 08:38 PM

BS

“ Such a sweet lady! I remember all the time her and I spent together, from working in her garden, to driving around checking on Wally when he was working in the area. Rest in peace sweet lady 🙏🙏 . Give Wally a big hug and kiss for me!!

Brenda Sherwin - April 13, 2020 at 05:51 PM

CO

Hi Brenda - call Mom and Dad

Clinton J Otwell - April 15, 2020 at 12:23 AM

BS

I sure will! Thank you 😊

Brenda Sherwin - April 16, 2020 at 03:34 PM

LH

“ Betty was such a dear sweet lady! It was so sad to see her fail like she did. She is in heaven now trying to get Wally straightened out again! Good thing she has eternity to get the job done!  
Love, Linda Heinisch

Linda Heinisch - April 13, 2020 at 11:15 AM

PA

“ I will never forget her bright smile & twinkling eyes. She was a special lady. God bless you James & family .



Paula Anderson - April 13, 2020 at 09:44 AM