

In Loving Memory Of

Elizabeth (Betsy, Bets, Betty Anne) was born on February 18, 1935, Sidney, MT, to Joseph and Christine (Hauck) Steinbeisser. She was an incredible flutist throughout her high school years and graduated from Sidney High School in 1953. After graduation she attended the Presentation of Nursing School in Miles City. On June 2, 1954, she married her high school sweetheart, Ralph "Whitey" Steffan. As a young wife, she was a fun-loving, energetic, hard working woman who managed to raise seven children as well as work on the farm. Between laundry, baking, cooking, cleaning, and childrearing, she found time to raise chickens for eggs and butchering; to drive truck for beet harvest and corn cutting; to sell cream; to raise a huge garden for canning; and to tend gorgeous flower beds that were an eye-catcher to all passersby.

Betty Anne was an avid animal lover. She loved to feed her birds and squirrels. She doted on her shihtzu's: Charlie, Ernie, and Eddie. Her 12 grandchildren were her pride and joy and she felt privileged to be able to share in their successes as they grew into young adults.

Betty Anne died Monday, October 12, 2009 in her home, surrounded by her family.

She is survived by: her children, Linette (Greg) Miller, Sidney, MT, Natalie (Torben) Erikstrup, Sidney, MT, Mark (Cheryl) Steffan, Sidney, MT, Mike (Nancy) Steffan, Sidney, MT, Teresa Larson, Sidney, MT, Marcia (Val Kifer) Steffan, San Diego, CA, and Peggy (Ron) Finnicum, Post Falls, ID. Her legacy also leaves 12 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Whitey; her parents; a brother, Joe A. Steinbeisser; a sister, Donna Hanson, her son-in-law, Randy Larson, and infant daughter Deborah.



Betty Anne Steffan

“I Have a Place In Heaven”

*Please don't sing sad songs for me,
Forget your grief and fears,
For I am in a perfect place,
Away from pain and tears...
I'm far away from hunger
And hurt and want and pride.
I have a place in Heaven
With the Master at my side.
My life on earth was very good,
As earthly lives can go,
But Paradise is so much more
Than anyone can know...
My heart is filled with happiness
And sweet rejoicing, too.
To walk with God is perfect peace,
A joy forever new.*

M. Kessler

Elizabeth “Betty” Anne Steffan

February 18, 1935 — October 12, 2009

Mass of the Christian Burial

10:00 A.M., Saturday, October 17, 2009

St. Matthew's Catholic Church

Sidney, Montana

Presiders

Father Greg Staudinger Father Ned Shinnick

Music

Larry Riggs Robyn Heck

Casketbearers

*Jeremiah Larson Gussie Larson Knute Larson
James Arnold Arthur Finnicum Jeff Steffan*

Honorary Casketbearers

*Donald Hanson Dick Hanson David Hanson
Dwight Hanson Marlow Iversen Harold Haffner*

Ushers

Barry Carpenter Rick Tiesen

Interment

*Sidney Cemetery
Sidney, Montana*

*Lunch will be served at the parish center
following the graveside services*

*You may share your remembrances and condolences with
the family at the Fulkerson Funeral Home website*

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