

A Letter From Heaven

*When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes,
Filled with tears for me.*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry,
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.*

*When tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart.
For every time you think of me,
I'm right there in your heart.*

In Loving Memory Of Elizabeth "Betty" Risinger

Born to John and Helen Held
January 1, 1942 ~ Selz, North Dakota

Returned to Her Heavenly Father
May 19, 2023 ~ Billings, Montana

Mass of the Christian Burial
Friday, May 26, 2023 at 10:00 am
St. Matthew's Catholic Church ~ Sidney, Montana
Luncheon to Follow at Ned Shinnick Hall

Officiating
Father Jim O'Neil

Casketbearers
Anthony Risinger Beau Andreason
Zachary Miller Dean Risinger
Payton Risinger Martin Miller

Ushers
Mike Lemer Billy Lemer

Music
"Abba Father"
"Lord You Have Come"
Leslie Bieber ~ Soloist
Kathy Bidegaray ~ Pianist
"Lead Me Home" ~ Jamey Johnson

Visitation
Thursday, May 25, 2023 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel ~ Sidney, MT

Final Resting Place
Sidney Cemetery ~ Sidney, Montana

Arrangements By
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Sidney, MT

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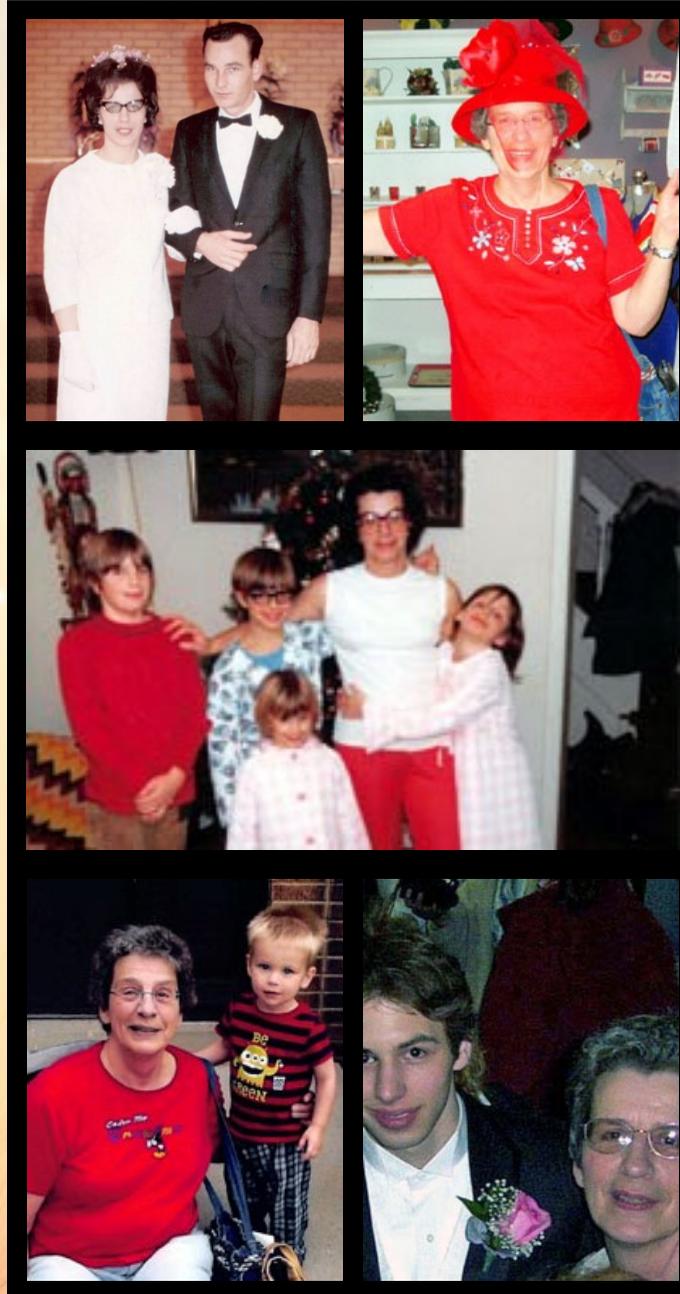
*Well done, thou good and faithful servant...
enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.*

Elizabeth "Betty" (Held) Risinger was born January 1, 1942, on the family farm near Selz, North Dakota to John and Helen Held. She grew up working on the family farm and attended the local elementary school, later graduating in 1959 from Sacred Heart Academy High School in Minot, North Dakota.

She met the love of her life, Carrol "Deac" Risinger and they were married April 23rd, 1966, at St. John's Catholic Church in Minot, North Dakota. Carroll was in the U.S. Air Force at the time; the son of Claude and Willis Risinger of Cache, Oklahoma. Being a part of a military family, Betty lived in a number of places (California, Oklahoma, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Montana). Deac and Betty raised four children: John Edgar, Richard Dean, Mary Helen, and Jo Anne.

Her first jobs were at Lee's Photo Shop developing film, and later at J.C. Penney Company in Minot. After moving to Kansas City, Missouri, she worked at Commerce Bank until returning to Minot in 1965 and working at First National Bank. She spent several years as a food service worker in the school cafeteria. Over the years, her unique gift of creativity led to not only frequent requests for her one-of-a-kind special occasion cakes and baked goods, but also resulted in many beautiful crafts of various sorts, particularly anything sewn from her loving hands.

After 22 years of service, Carroll retired from the military and they settled in Sidney, Montana. They continued to make their home in Sidney, MT, where Betty enjoyed the companionship of both her loving husband as well as numerous



dear friendships over the many years that followed.

Betty dedicated much of her life to serving others in various forms of support and volunteerism, including Catholic Daughters of America, Right to Life, Sidney Health Center's Good Cents Store, as well as so many others. Well into her later years, her genuine desire to help others in times of need was undoubtedly felt by all those that knew Betty. She never hesitated to "step up" when possible, helping with bingo at the Lodge, delivering food to elders, and many activities through St. Matthews Parish - bringing communion to those homebound, adoration, and the funeral commission to name just a few.

Betty peacefully went to be with the Lord on May 19th, 2023, surrounded by family at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings, Montana.

Betty is survived by her husband, Carroll Risinger; sons John (Angela) Risinger and Richard (Wendy) Risinger; daughters Mary Risinger-Wigham, Jo (Martin) Miller; sisters Dyanne (Ron) Gleason and Patty (Toby) Lemer; brother, Tim (Bev) Held; grandsons Beau Andreason, Anthony Risinger, Zachary Miller, Dean Risinger, and Payton Risinger; granddaughters Niki Luneclair and Ciara Robinson; and great-grandchildren Zaeden, Gemma, Nahle, Shia, and Sophia.

She is preceded in death by her brothers Kenneth, Thomas, Leo, and August Held; sisters Marcella Rogalla, Misty "Phyllis" Hall, Mary Abrahamson, Delores Held, Katheryn Held, and Eva Held; and many more beloved family members.