



Gone From My Sight

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side, spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone."

Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast, hull and spar as she was when she left my side.

And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me -- not in her.

And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone," there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

And that is dying...

Betty JoAnne Koerner

Born to John and Thelma Moline

October 23, 1943 ~ Williston, North Dakota

Returned to Her Heavenly Father

May 11, 2024 ~ White Bear Township, Minnesota

Memorial Service

Tuesday, July 30, 2024 ~11:00 AM Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel Williston, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Chris Walstad

Eulogist

Slideshow

Kysa Hubbard

Tierra Luther

Psalm 23

Romans 8, 31-39

Kahley Hubbard

Karen Luther

Music

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

"Ave Maria"

"Down To The River To Pray"

Honorary Urn Bearers

Jim Moline Tim Hubbard Demetri Vincze Remy Hubbard Les Luther Chase Luther

Final Resting Place

Riverview Cemetery Williston, North Dakota

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home Williston, North Dakota

In Loving Memory



Betty Koerner October 23, 1943 - May 11, 2024

"I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1 Betty JoAnne Koerner, 80, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at home with her family in White Bear Township, Minnesota.





Betty was born on October 23, 1943 to John and Thelma (Skavland) Moline in Williston, North Dakota, the fifth of six children. She spent summers on the family farm thirteen miles north of Williston, living in town the rest of the year, attending school in Williston where she first discovered her love of music under the guidance and direction of her beloved band teacher, Virgil Syverson.

After high school, she attended Minot State University, and began working as a lab technician in Montana before marrying Marvin Koerner on April 5th, 1969 in Williston, North Dakota where they established their permanent home. They had one daughter, Kysa (Koerner) Hubbard.

Betty continued work as a lab technician at Mercy Hospital for more than 20 years, and also remained "in the band" most of her adult life, playing the flute and piccolo in the City (Elks Club) Band, and the bells in the Drum and Bugle Corps. She and Marvin (who played the bass drum), took advantage of many opportunities to travel the world with the Drum and Bugle Corps, playing at the national Bicentennial celebration in Philadelphia in 1976, Norway soon after, and even Hawaii in the 1980s. Her piccolo solo





in "The Stars and Stripes Forever" never failed to "wow" audiences, and to inspire in them an irresistible swell of patriotic emotion at the close of every concert. Virgil Syverson, the renown "Music Man" himself, said that Betty Koerner was the best flute and piccolo player in the entire state of North Dakota.

Although quiet and somewhat shy by nature, Betty enjoyed spending time with her immediate and extended family, especially doing puzzles and watching "America's Got Talent" with her sister and best friend Linda, and celebrating family milestones together with her and her nieces Karen and Alison and their families. She maintained lifelong bonds with many childhood and school friends, and was a lover of animals, particularly dogs and cats. She had numerous animal companions over the years who brought joy and comfort to her and she to them until her last day. Betty and her daughter Kysa watched many classic movies and television shows together. She especially liked "Rawhide" and anything starring Paul Newman, Joe E. Brown or Doris Day. Music, too, brought comfort to Betty until the end, as she peacefully left this world listening to her favorite country and bluegrass classics.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Kysa (Tim) Hubbard; step-children, Lamont (Becky) Koerner, Shawneen Hammer, Sheila Koerner, Lee Koerner; ten grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her brother, Jim (Sharon) Moline, and sister, Linda Stordahl, both of Williston.



Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin in 1995; parents, John and Thelma Moline; sister, Donna (Ken) Fjare; brother, David (Evelyn) Moline; sister, Lois (Dynneson)

Olsen; brothers and sisters-in-law, Sanrow, Alice Koerner and Andy and Irma Koerner.

