

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me. I took His hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all I could not stay another day To laugh, to love, to work or play Tasks left undone must stay that way I found that peace at the close of the day If my parting has left a void Then fill it with remembered A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss Be not burdened with times of sorrow I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow My life has been full, I've savored much Good friends, good times, loved one's touch Perhaps my time seemed all too brief Don't lengthen it now with undue grief Lift up your heart and share with me God wanted me now, He set me FREE!

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Betty Jean Steilow

WHO WAS BORN September 18, 1933 Big Stone County, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME November 23, 2023 Graceville, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE Tuesday, November 28, 2023 - 2:00 p.m. Beardsley Methodist Church Beardsley, Minnesota

> OFFICIANT Rebecca Larson

MUSICIAN Kathy Haukos

CASKET BEARERS Chloe Rediske | Hailey Rediske | Jaiden Rediske Aliyah Hansen | Charli Hansen | Samantha Rediske

> INURNMENT Clinton City Cemetery Clinton, Minnesota At A Later Date

## APPRECIATION

Betty's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for a time of food of fellowship in the church dining room.

> Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home Graceville, Minnesota

Betty Jean (Athey) Stielow was born on September 18, 1933, in Big Stone County, MN, to Chalmer and Eleanor (Carlson) Athey. She grew up throughout the Big Stone County area and attended country school.

On September 18, 1954, on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, Betty was united in marriage with John "Jack" Stielow at the Beardsley Methodist Church parsonage. Together, they were blessed with five children.

Betty worked in her household, raising her children, and helping with farm work until all of her children were able to be in school. She later went to work as a Certified Nursing Assistant at the Clinton Good Samaritan facility until she retired.

Strong willed and always busy, Betty loved to crochet and cross stitch on towels and also did a couple of quilts. She was known for her baking, especially her secret recipe chocolate cake and frosting. Betty enjoyed canning, tending to her flower beds, and had a wonderful doll collection. She absolutely loved playing Bingo and never turned down an opportunity for a good card game as she always had a deck of cards with her at the ready. Most of all, Betty adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, always remembering to send them a birthday card with a two-dollar bill in it.

Left to cherish Betty's memory are her children: Pat (Robert) Ewert of Graceville, MN; Shirley Stielow of Sturgis, SD; Julie (Gene) Kleindl of Alexandria, MN; and John (Karen) Stielow of Sauk Rapids, MN; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; brother, Wayne Athey of Graceville, MN; sister, Susie Nelson of Beardsley, MN; along with many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, John "Jack" Stielow; daughter, Karen Stielow; parents, Chalmer and Eleanor Athey; and her brothers and sisters.

