

Betty Cornell was born May 14, 1924 in Mott, ND to Peter and Hattie (Svihovec) Johnson. She was one of three children. She lived in Mott for 12 years before moving to Dickinson, ND. She attended Roosevelt Grade School and graduated from Dickinson High School where she was a cheerleader for 3 years. Betty married Kenneth Leppart and to this union 5 children were born. She cooked for her mother who owned the City Café in Dickinson at that time. In 1953, Betty married Ted Cornell at Wibaux, MT. To this union 4 girls were born. They made their home in Belfield, ND where Ted was the night policeman and Betty worked at Frank's Coffee Shop. In 1955, she became manager of the lunch counter at Painted Canyon. In 1956, Ted and Betty moved to Medora, ND. Betty went to work for the Gold Seal Company cooking at the Roughrider Hotel for about 12 years. She finished her cooking career at Bud's Café which later became the Cowboy Café. She spent many long, hard hours in the kitchen and was known for her delicious caramel rolls and soups. She made many friends while working and many fond memories were made. Ted and Betty took care of the Medora Cemetery for many years where they often enlisted the help of their children. Their home was always open to all their friends and neighbors and even some tourists passing through Medora. They enjoyed growing a garden and sharing their produce with their friends and neighbors. Rides in the T.R. National Park became a regular activity after they were both retired. Spending time with their grandchildren was one of the activities they enjoyed the most. Betty was a talented cook and baker. Her delicious food was enjoyed not only by the customers of the cafés where she cooked, but by many potlucks, funerals, and community events. In later years, she became a fan of game shows, especially Wheel of Fortune and The Price is Right. She had a great sense of humor, often surprising us with her wit. Betty broke her hip in the spring of 2015. She moved into St. Benedict's Nursing Home in April of 2015 and later to St. Luke's Care Center in 2017. She always enjoyed taking part in

the activities and was especially lucky at BINGO and Pokeno. We wish to thank all her caretakers for the wonderful care she received. Betty is survived by her children, Gary (Betty) Leppart, Billings, MT, Joanne (Denis) Joyce, Medora, ND, Betty (Gary) Banyai, Dickinson, ND, Carol (Paul) Finneman, Bismarck, ND, Sara (Brad) Onarheim, Zimmerman, MN, Linda (Ken) Haught, Summerset, SD; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; and her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ted; her children Bonnie Leach, David Leppart, and Douglas Leppart; a grandson Michael Groce; brothers Roland Johnson and Bernard Johnson; and special friend Muggs Vanvig.

In Loving Memory

Betty Cornell

May 14, 1924 - July 20, 2022



Mom

You fed me well, you made me strong
You taught me to know right from wrong
You made me feel that I belong
You showed me the value of a song

You gave me life, you gave me love

You always knew the way I feel
You used the words you thought might heal
You convinced me it was no big deal
Your advice would keep it real

You gave me life, you gave me love

Broken hearts you like to mend
It was not in your nature to offend
Birthday cards you'd always send
You knew the value of family and friends

You gave me life, you gave me love

You left me now, you've gone away
I'm left behind, I have to stay
So I'll just have to pray
I'll meet you again another day

You always had that 'special touch'
I loved you so very, very much

You gave me life, you gave me love
Please watch over me from above

Betty Cornell

FUNERAL SERVICE:

Tuesday, July 26, 2022 1:00 pm

Stevenson Funeral Home

Dickinson, North Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Pastor Dawn Busch

*Coffee and Cookies will be served
in the fellowship room
immediately following the service.*

Everyone is welcome.

