

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave
an afterglow of *smiles*
when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright & sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun
Of *happy memories*
that I leave behind
When life is done.



Betty Ann (Hruby) Rahrlien was born the eldest of four daughters on November 7, 1930, in Litchfield, IL, to Herbert and Anna (Richardson) Hruby. Betty was baptized on April 21, 1935, at the First Congregational Church in Hancock, MN. She attended school in Hancock from first grade to ninth grade and in May of 1945, the family moved to Graceville where she attended grade ten through twelve. Betty graduated from Graceville High School with the Class of 1948.

In 1949, Betty met the love of her life, Marvin Rahrlien, at a dance. On December 10, 1950, the two were united in marriage at the Congregational Church in Graceville. Betty and Marvin made their first home on a farm place north of Chokio, moving to a farm south of Johnson, then to a farm east of Graceville. They finally settled into a home next to the school in Graceville where they raised their three children: Terry, Patricia, and Susan. In 2014, Betty and Marvin moved to Grace Village Retirement Community and in December of 2021, they moved into Grace Home.

Betty loved people and enjoyed visiting. She was employed at Mador Pharmacy, Larson Pharmacy and Grace Home in Graceville. Betty had strong faith and she was a member of the Congregational Church. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, joining in 1962.

Working hard to raise her family, Betty was an amazing cook and baker; always making fresh goodies on Thursdays. She was also an avid seamstress. Betty enjoyed spending time at the lake and attending sporting events in the area and especially loved when she could watch her grandchildren play. She was a wonderful bowler, earning many awards such as league championships and even earned her 600 Series Award on March 21, 1983. Betty was known for her accessorizing and lipstick. She had a plethora of jewelry and was always coordinating her jewelry with her outfits.

Left to cherish Betty's memory are her husband of almost 72 years, Marvin Rahrlien of Graceville, MN; son, Terry (Audrey) Rahrlien of Graceville, MN; daughters: Patricia A. (Herman) Wencel of Graceville, MN; and Susan (Wayne) Westerman of Chokio, MN; eight grandchildren: Cassandra Rahrlien of Graceville, MN; Lee (Kristina) Rahrlien of Lake Jackson, TX; Ann (Zac) Malmberg of Roseville, MN; Phillip (Tricia) Wencel of Graceville, MN; Matt (Tami) Westerman of Chokio, MN; Luke (Tarah) Westerman of Oak Creek, CO; Chris (Kaitlin) Westerman of Morris, MN; and Jeremy (Molly) Westerman of Chokio, MN; 15 great-grandchildren: sisters: Beverly Heck of Roseville, MN; and Mary Jane (Leon) McCollough of Cedar City, UT; step-brother, Jim Linneberg of Minneapolis, MN; along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and step-mother, Molly Hruby; sister, Helen Needham; and great-grandson, Saul Westerman.

Celebrating THE *Life* OF



Betty Ann Rahrlien

1930 - 2022

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WHO WAS BORN

November 7, 1930
Litchfield, Illinois

CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

August 20, 2022
Graceville, Minnesota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

Friday, August 26, 2020 - 4:00 p.m.
Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home Chapel
Graceville, Minnesota

OFFICIANT

Pastor Lynn Thomas

URN BEARERS

Cassandra Rahrlien | Lee Rahrlien | Ann Malmberg
Phillip Wencel | Matt Westerman | Luke Westerman
Chris Westerman | Jeremy Westerman

HONORARY BEARERS

All of Betty's Great-Grandchildren

SPECIAL HONORS

American Legion Auxiliary Post #297
Graceville, Minnesota

INTERMENT

Frog Lake Cemetery
Alberta, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Betty's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply
appreciated. Following the service, please join the family
for a time of food and fellowship at the Graceville
Community Building.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

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Graceville, Minnesota



Soulmate



Wife