

Betty Marie Romann was born to John and Mary Rose (Mohr) Hofland on August 19, 1950 at the Perham Memorial Hospital in Perham, MN. She grew up on a farm near Perham, MN; attended a two-room schoolhouse (St. Joe School); and was baptized and confirmed at St. Joe Church. She graduated from Perham High School. She moved to Minneapolis where she graduated from Professional Bonnie's Institute as a lab tech. She worked as a lab tech in research at University of Minnesota. While living on campus she enjoyed meeting people from all over the world. She traveled with a friend to Ecuador. During this time, she also met and married the love of her life Keith LeRoy Romann. They were married at the Newman Center on campus on December 14, 1973. After graduating from St. Mary's College as a Registered Nurse, the couple moved to Moorhead, MN when Betty worked at St. Ansgar's Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital.

The couple later moved to Staples, MN so Keith could complete his schooling. They moved to Garfield, MN where they made their home. Here they raised three children- Patricia, Valerie, and Kevin. Betty enjoyed working in their large garden and assisting their children with 4-H and FFA projects. Her pride and joy was seeing the children participate and excel in their projects like woodworking, gardening, raising chickens and turkeys, baking, etc, at the MN State Fair.

While working at the Douglas County Hospital in Alexandria, MN Betty worked in many different positions. She loved nursing and had a special heart for teaching and counseling. She worked as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society putting on educational programs, Co-teaching I Can Cope classes and co-chairing the Relay for Life. After leaving Douglas County Hospital she worked as an RN and Social Service designee at Evansville Care Center. During retirement Betty and Keith traveled being vendors at the state fair and other events. Betty assisted Keith for several years at the Wadena Flea Market. They enjoyed camping there and creating special friendships.

When asked of her fondest memories she shared: her wedding day; the weddings of Patricia and Valerie; being in person for the birth of grand daughter, Victoria Rose; spending time with all her grandchildren; and one very special vacation to the mountains to trout fish. Her most prized childhood memory was being with her Grandma Veronica in her flower beds. Grandma Veronica had a powerful influence on Betty. Overall her most treasured times in life were spent talking and listening to others, connecting to their joys and sorrows in life.

Betty died on December 12, 2019 at the age 69 years old. She is survived by her children Patricia (Kenneth) Gelling; Valerie (Nicholas) Velde; Kevin Roman (Kathy); grandchildren Hunter Gelling, James, Samuel, and Victoria Velde; brother Robert Hofland; sisters Margaret (Jerry) Lotvola, Dorthy Jean (Larry) Smith, and Roberta (Ronald) Sherman; and many more family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Keith Romann; her parents, John and Mary Hofland; an infant brother Dennis; and her grandparents.

***Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light, and
Where there is sadness, joy.***

***O, Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much
Seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life.***

Saint Francis of Assisi

In Memory of
Betty Marie Romann

August 19, 1950



December 12, 2019



Memorial Service

Anderson Funeral Home Chapel
Alexandria, Minnesota
Friday, December 20, 2019
11:30 AM

Officiant

Reverend Bill Nixon

Scripture Reader - Margaret Lotvola

Soloist - Roberta Sherman

Urn Bearer

David Romann

Honorary Urn Bearers

John Garrett Lawrence Crowell
Robert Hofland Dave Ellis
Dean Schmidt Daryl Severson

Interment

Perham Cemetery
Perham, Minnesota