



## Betty Johnson

May 2, 1935 - February 27, 2012

Betty K. Johnson, 76 of Kearney died Monday, February 27, 2012 at her residence. Celebration of Life services will be 10:30 AM, Thursday at First United Methodist Church in Kearney. The Revs. Carla Gunn and Marvin Valdois will officiate. Interment will be in the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-7 pm, Wednesday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney and continue one hour prior to service time at the church. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Online condolences may be submitted to [osrfh.com](http://osrfh.com). O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney is in charge of arrangements. Betty was born May 2, 1935 in rural Shelton to John and Mary (Hostler) O'Brien. She attended school in Grand Island and graduated from Grand Island High School in 1954. She was married to Art Giesenhagen in North Platte in 1954. She was married later to Charles E. Johnson in Holdrege on October 18, 1975. They made their home in Hastings later moving to McCook before moving to Kearney. She worked at JCPenney in Kearney and UNK food service. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Kearney, Circle #2 at the church and Betty's Club. She volunteered at Good Samaritan Hospital where she made Nebraska Cornhusker hats for babies. She enjoyed bowling and crocheting. She loved to attend NASCAR races and attending her grandchildren's activities. She and Chuck would travel to Texas in the winter where they made many friends. She is survived by her husband of Kearney, sons; David (Deb) Giesenhagen of North Platte, Jimmy (Vicky) Giesenhagen of Colby, KS, Darrel (Jeanette)

Giesenhagen of Holdrege and Gary (Donna) Giesenhagen of Kearney, daughter; Carol Criss of Kearney, brothers; Steve (Lori) O'Brien of Kearney and Hubert (Phyllis) O'Brien of Ponca, NE, sister; Lola Scott of Edinburg, TX, sister-in-law; Phyllis O'Brien of Beatrice, 17 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, step-children; Randy (Irene) Johnson of McCook, Joanne (Butch) Elliott of Sedalia, MO, Doreen ( Dave) Wilcox of Prescott, WI and Cindy Johnson of Sedalia, MO. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers; Gary and John and brother-in-law, Ralph Scott.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Johnson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *we are sorry to hear of Betty's passing, you have our sympathy for your loss our love Lloyd and Beulah*

**Lloyd and Beulah Staveteig** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Sorry that we could not be there for the funeral. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Jim, Twila and Jacob Hostler** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ *Our prayers are with you during this time. Blessed be the memories Of Betty  
I can still see her sweet soft smile. Xxxxxoooo*

**Love Shirley and Leroy Reitmeier** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ *Chuck and family, So sorry to hear of Betty's passing. I know you all loved her and are missing her so much. I have many fond memories of all of you. Take care and know she will be awaiting all of you at the gates of Heaven.*

**Sherry Cochran Dunham** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

DB

“ Chuck, We want to let you know we are thinking of you. We didn't know Betty like we do you, but she had to have a great sense of humor with all your pranks. God speed to her.

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**David-Julie Bohm** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

GS

“ Please know we are thinking and praying for all of you.

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**Gary & Pat Suing** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

JC

“ We remember Betty with such wonderful thoughts. She was a warm and caring person with a truly lovely smile. May you keep similar warm thoughts in your mind in the coming days ahead. I recall a beautiful statement that was found on a headstone in Ireland, “Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.” These words I kept in mind when John's mom, Ida, passed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

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**John & Diane Hostler - Colorado** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

DH

“ My Dear Chuck and family; I am so very sorry to hear about Betty. She had a long struggle but the fight is over, she is at peace now, and we grieve, but we have our memories of good times spent together. and we had so many. We share your sadness and your loss. Darlene and family.

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**Darlene Holien** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

JJ

“ So sorry for your loss.....I got to know her from the cousin's get togethers.... I would come to these with my Aunts Geneveive, Donna, and Aunt Lillie.... My Aunt Geneveive called me yesterday(Monday) to tell me of her passing..I'm Marie Pierce's daughter( my Mom was a sister to Geneveive and Lillie), And I have so enjoyed getting to know the cousins my Mom always talked about...I am thinking of your family in this time of sorrow...she is now reunited with family members who have gone before her.... take care....Jennie Jacobs

Jennie Jacobs - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

LF

“ Our heart goes out to you and your family. We are so very sorry for your loss. Betty fought long and hard and now she is resting. May you find comfort in the many memories you shared.May God heal your hearts and give you strength.Please accept our sincere sympathy. Larry & Carol

Larry & Carol Farrell - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

LK

“ Rest In Peace Aunt Betty. I will forever miss your yearly South Texas visits, your infectious laugh and your love of "our" Nebraska Cornhuskers! I'll see you in Heven!! Love Lanny

Lanny And Katherine - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

MC

“ We are so sorry to hear about Betty's death.At times like this there is no right thing to say but I want you to know that you are in our thoughts. May God comfort you and be with you in this sorrowful time.Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Mick & Myrna

Mick & Myrna Carlson - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

JD

“ Our prayers are with you during this time. May all the happy memories lift you up and carry you through this difficult time. love j and d

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**Jean & Denny** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

RL

“ Chuck & Family I can't tell you how sorry I was to hear of your Betty's passing. She was such a sweet and kind lady and I will always remember her for that beautiful smile that she always displayed. I always admired her tireless energy- nothing ever seemed to slow her down. I think Betty's greatest legacy will be in the wonderful children she raised. She was so very proud of all of you. I hope that you will find the inner strength to get you through this sad and difficult time. You have my very deepest and sincere sympathy. Yours In Sympathy, Roger & Deb Lange Aurora, NE

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**Roger Lange** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

JW

“ Chuck and family, We are sorry to hear of your loss, and hope you have many happy memories. Our condolences to you and your family.

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**John and Lee Ward** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM