

Elizabeth Jane Brown

Elizabeth "Betty" Jane Brown was born July 30, 1930, in Newell, SD, as the youngest of six children to Harry and Ada (Greene) Cunningham. Betty often joked about being of "hardy pioneer stock" and anyone born in those times would have lived through difficult circumstances that would have tested and tried their faith. Betty graduated from Newell High School and attended Yankton College for a short time.

She met and married John Brown on June 25, 1951, and their marriage of 61 years was a blessing to their two daughters and their families. Betty worked many years in banking but her heart was always with her family and friends and how she could minister to them. Whether it was having people in for a meal, baking or cooking for her family, her kitchen was where you could find her.

To her grandchildren, she was known as the "Cookie Grandma." She knew each one's favorite cookie and then would delight in making them as a special secret gift to hide in their graduation luggage set. She would plan for weeks about what to hide in all the compartments that would highlight a special memory between her and her grandchildren. As the granddaughters grew up, they would all delight in spending a Saturday with "G'ma" learning how to make her special Christmas candies and cookies that would always be shared around the neighborhood.

Betty was an active member of St James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche for many years. Her faith in Jesus as her Lord and Savior was evident in her life every day. She would often profess that the "golden years" weren't always so golden but with God's help, she could make it through. Her legacy to her family will be her unwavering faith.

Betty passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2020, at Garden Hills Assisted Living in Spearfish.

Betty is survived by her daughters, Deb (Kim) Richardson of Grant, NE, Barb (Mike) Hansen of Spearfish, and Tish (Gene) Beckwith of Reliance, SD; her sister, Ruth Jones of O'Neill, NE; 11 grandchildren, Josh (Heather) Richardson, Jeremiah (Karyn) Richardson, Jarod (Jamie) Richardson, Justin (Debbie) Richardson, Julianna Richardson (Austin Bestgen), Anna (Ryan) Smith, Jerrold (Bethany) Hansen, Elizabeth (Jason) Gellet, Jonathan (Katharine) Hansen, and Michael and Andrew Beckwith; and 13 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by numerous nephews and nieces, along with siblings and their spouses of the Brown family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; her parents; and four siblings, Robert, Mabel, Donald, and Lois.

A memorial has been established in Betty's memory to Garden Hills Assisted Living in Spearfish.



In Loving Memory

Elizabeth "Betty" Jane Brown

July 30, 1930 ~ July 11, 2020



*Every Day is a Gift from the Lord
As I waken each morning from the shadows of night,
To a clear blue sky and the sun shining bright,
I am filled with wonder at the glorious sight.
Every Day is a Gift from the Lord.*

*For the world is so bright and fair,
sunshine and rainbows, joy I can share,
for the chance to love and care,
Thank You, Thank You, Lord.*

*As I greet a new morning, I can hear my heart sing;
and my spirit soars like a bird on the wing.
I will find life's meaning and the joy it can bring.
Every Day is a Gift from the Lord.*

*For the time to learn and grow,
kindness and friendship, love I can show,
for Your grace which makes me whole,
Thank You, Thank You, Lord.*

*As I travel life's journey, I will not be afraid;
for I'll walk with Christ. He will show me the way.
I will face tomorrow filled with courage and faith.
Every Day is a Gift from the Lord. Thank You Lord.*

In Memory Of Elizabeth "Betty" Jane Brown

Date of Birth

July 30, 1930
Newell, South Dakota

Date of Death

July 11, 2020
Spearfish, South Dakota

Service

Saturday, July 18, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.
LifeSpring Wesleyan Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy

Pastor Jonathan Hansen
Pastor Jarod Richardson
Pastor Ryan Smith

Songs

"Blessed Assurance"
"Amazing Grace"

Pallbearers

Josh Richardson ~ Jeremiah Richardson
Justin Richardson ~ Jason Gellet
Kermit Velder ~ Kendall Velder

Honorary Pallbearers

All Family and Friends

Final Resting Place

Pine Slope Cemetery
Belle Fourche, South Dakota