



*Fill not your hearts with pain and sorrow,
but remember me in every tomorrow.
My going has eased my pain and given relief,
so dry your eyes and forget your grief.
Remember the joy, our laughter, my smile
and that our being apart is just for awhile.
Remember me also as I used to be.
Understand in your hearts, so precious to me,
that I've gone on ahead to dwell up above,
and 'til we're once more together...*

You have all of my love.



*Celebrating the Life
of
Betty J. Koeppe*



December 29, 1926 - August 1, 2017

Betty Jane Koeppe was born December 29, 1926 in Dixon County, Nebraska to Hans and Alma (Echtenkamp) Holdorf. She was baptized January 4, 1927 and confirmed May 19, 1940 at Grace Lutheran Church in Wayne, NE. Betty attended country school from first through six grade, then attended Concord NE High School in Wayne, NE, and graduated in 1948 from Ponca Nebraska High School. She worked in the county attorney's office in Ponca for five years prior to her move to Holstein, Iowa in 1954. She worked at the Holstein Advance for a short time, and then worked for 25 years for the Coast to Coast store under the ownership of Dean and Jean Ellenberger and Jim and Cathy Loof.

Betty was united in marriage to Billy Werner Koeppe on October 6, 1949 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Martinsburg, NE. To this union five children were born.

Betty was a member of the St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Holstein where she was active in WELCA and a member of the choir for several years. She was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed playing cards, gardening flowers, embroidery work and doing puzzles.

Survivors include her children, Timothy and wife Lynn of Muskegon, MI, Billy Joe and wife Sharon of Hadar, NE, Mark and wife Margie of Lawrence, KS, Eileen and husband Jim Munro of Carrollton, TX, and Randy and wife Rhonda of Cottonwood, AZ; eight grandchildren, Jamie and wife Amy Koeppe, Aubrey Koeppe, Nicholas and wife Kylie Koeppe, Matthew and wife Christiana Koeppe, Lindsey Koeppe, Evan Koeppe and Vivian Koeppe; three step-grandchildren, Amy and husband Trent Hancock, David and wife Beth Flermoen, and Rachel and husband Joe Pitocco; 12 great-grandchildren; William, Virginia and Margaret Koeppe, Sawyer, Harper and Maddox Koeppe, Gabriel Pitocco, Jaxon, Justin and Dylan Hancock, Easton and Arden Flermoen. She is also survived by her sister, Bonnie Bauman-Neuhring; brothers-in-law, Werner Koeppe, Ervin (Lucille) Koeppe, Don (Doris) Koeppe and many nieces and nephews.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Billy; her parents; grandparents; sisters-in-law, Shirley Beldin and Alice Koeppe; brothers-in-law, Ben Beldin, Marvin Bauman and Bob Neuhring.

In Loving Memory of Betty J. Koeppe

Date of Birth
December 29, 1926, Dixon County, Nebraska
Date of Death

August 1, 2017, Holstein, Iowa
Services

Monday, August 7, 2017, 10:00 A.M.
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Holstein, Iowa
Clergy

Rev. Matthew R. Martens
Musicians

Jim and Kris Kistenmacher
"You Are Mine"
Congregational Hymns

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
"In the Garden"
"The Old Rugged Cross"
Pallbearers

Nicholas Koeppe
Jamie Koeppe
Lindsey Koeppe

Matthew Koeppe
Aubrey Koeppe
David Flermoen
Honorary Pallbearers

Vivian Koeppe
Rachel Pitocco
Evan Koeppe

Beth Flermoen
Amy Koeppe
Amy Hancock
Trent Hancock
Flower Committee

Joyce Nelson

Colleen Hare
Burial
Holstein Cemetery
Holstein, Iowa

We wish to express our gratitude for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and a luncheon at the church immediately following the burial.
-Betty's Family