



## Betty A. Eastin

January 22, 1934 - October 18, 2012

Clay Center resident Betty A. Eastin, 78, died Thursday, October 18, 2012, at the Univeristy of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 23, 2012, at the United Church of Christ in Clay Center, NE with Rev. Cathyann Colson officiating.

Interment will follow at the Clay Center Cemetery in Clay Center, NE.

Visitation will be Monday, from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m., at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Clay Center, NE.

Memorial Contributions may be directed to the Clay Center Food Pantry or to the family to be designated at a later time.

Betty A. Eastin was born to Ernest and Florence (Nomer) Colson on January 22, 1934, at Sutherland, Nebraska. She married Clifton Eastin on December 30, 1951, and to this union six children were born.

She was employed as Assistant Manager and then as Manager of the Crowleys Clothing Store at the Imperial Mall in Hastings, Nebraska for three years, then served as Marketing Director at the Imperial Mall for 18 years. She has served on the Salvation Army Board of Directors, Head Start Policy Council, Symphony Guild Member, Women's Barbershop (Sweet Adelines) group, Special Childrens Fund Board, Hastings Business and Professional

Women member, served as Choir Director for churches in Madrid, Ogallala, Sutherland, Harvard, Hastings, and Clay Center. She was currently a member of the Clay Center United Church of Christ, Clay Center Super Senior Center, Nebraska Original Betty Club, D.A.R., Prairieland Food Program and the Clay County Food Pantry. She loved fishing, music, reading, and her friends, but her pride and joy was her family.

She is survived by her husband, Clifton; son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Laurie Eastin of Ankeny, Iowa; daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Craig Ingram of Olathe, Kansas; son and daughter-in-law, Darrell and Linda Eastin of Salina, Kansas; daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Joe Mack of Lincoln, Nebraska; son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Kathy Eastin of Ankeny, Iowa; and daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Scott Miller of Clay Center, Nebraska; sister and brother-in-law, Jeannie and George Davis of Norway, South Carolina; sister and brother-in-law, Clara and Jim Smith of Scottsdale, Arizona; brother and sister-in-law, Sidney and Nikki Colson of Elsie, Nebraska; grandchildren, Richard and Amy; Joshua and Kim; Jacob; Amanda; Sara and Steve; Heather and Nickholi; Ryan; Brandon; Sean; Taylor; Austin; Mikayla; Nicole; Cale; Joel; Adam; and Andrew; great grandchildren Caleb; Michael; Julia; Grace; Bailey; Gabriel; and Kaleb; nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

# Tribute Wall

AP

“ Betty was an amazing woman. She was a true inspiration for teens in the Hastings community. Betty started the teen board for the Imperial Mall. I severed on that board for several years. During that time, Betty believed in our ideas and supported us in whatever direction we chose to take in our careers. She even followed our careers.

*A hand written note from her fifteen years ago made my day. She had tracked me down in my new home. Although Betty was known for being an innovatative marketer, to me she will always be a role model for women of any age. She showed us how to make a difference through love, listening, and support.*

*Angela (Hoback) Petersen*

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**Angela Petersen** - October 24, 2012 at 08:10 AM

BP

“ Dear Eastin family,  
I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Betty. Jane (Green) let me know. It was so much fun to visit and reminisce with her and some of the family at the UNL Band Extravaganza earlier this fall. As Jane said, she was so much like our mother. Her spirit will live on. With deepest sympathy, Beth Pauley.

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**Beth Pauley** - October 23, 2012 at 02:21 PM

JG

“ Dear Clif and family,  
I just happened on a Facebook mention of Betty's service today. As you know, Betty and my mom, Doris Pauley, were good friends. Betty and mom were so much alike, servants to their families, churches and communities. It was so fun to see her at the UNL Band Extravaganza this fall. I will always have special memories of Betty and you all from my earliest UCC days. My heart goes out to all of you. She was a special lady. You were lucky to call her wife, mom and grandma.

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**Jane Pauley Green** - October 23, 2012 at 01:23 PM

TC

“ Eastin family  
Please accept my condolences on the loss of Betty. She was a wonderful woman who touched many lives. Thank you so much to everyone who was able to join us in celebrating her life and for your kind words about my aunt. I love you Aunt Betty, I will miss you!

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**Tawni Cunningham** - October 23, 2012 at 11:10 AM

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**Tawni Cunningham** - October 23, 2012 at 11:10 AM

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“ Betty was one of the best! She will be missed, and we will always remember.

*Our Love*

*Richard and Vicki*

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**Richard & Vicki Colson** - October 23, 2012 at 07:55 AM

DS

“ Eastin family: It's obvious Betty lived to serve ... what a gift to her family and others to live this kind of life. Her love and life goes on through all of you ... God be with you!

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**Deb & Kevin Stuhr** - October 22, 2012 at 06:19 AM

MS

“ Jan Ingram & Family -

*We are sincerely sorry for your loss, and our hearts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time. Please know that we are here for you and although your mother's time here on Earth has physically come to an end, Heaven has received an angel to watch over you.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Methodist Healthwest Family Practice and Pediatrics Physicians and Staff (co-workers for Jan)*

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**Melissa Schmaderer** - October 21, 2012 at 06:25 PM

BH

“ Dear Clif & family, both Ma & me were very saddened to hear of your loss. Ma liked Betty alot & I always thought she was nice & direct ( my favorite kind of a person ) please accept our condolences & prayers - Bill Hess

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**Bill & Joan Hess** - October 20, 2012 at 12:40 PM

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“ *Our prayers are with you.*

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**Eldon & MaryBeth Nicholson** - October 20, 2012 at 09:43 AM

BJ

“ *What a joy it was to call Betty "friend". She was a true inspiration to many, so talented, so generous of heart, spirit and time. Our condolences to Clif and the family as they face the future without this amazing wife, mother and grandmother. May Betty's spirit and the memories she made with you comfort you in the coming days and bring you peace. God bless you all.*  
*Barb Johnson, Aurora*

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**Barb Johnson** - October 19, 2012 at 07:51 PM

DJ

“ *Clif and family, Please accept my condolences along with everyone else at Harvard United Church of Christ on Betty's passing. Her service to Christ's Church in Clay Center, the Association and Conference is much appreciated. May God grant all of you an extra healthy dose of peace that passes all of our understanding as you mourn her loss. Shalom, Pastor Dave*

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**Dave Johnson** - October 19, 2012 at 02:09 PM

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“ *Dear Eastin Family,*  
*It is with deep sadness I read of Betty's death. My heart and prayers are with you all as you come together to support each other in your grief. May God's grace, which Betty lived so beautifully, surround and hold you in this time of sorrow.*  
*In deep appreciation for Betty's wondrous life and her love of family and friends,*  
*Rev. Jane Ellefson*

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**Rev. Jane Ellefson** - October 19, 2012 at 02:07 PM