



Betty Alice Wenske

May 8, 1927 - October 20, 2014

Former rural Edgar resident Betty Alice (Miller) Wenske, 87, peacefully passed away Monday, October 20, 2014, at Brookestone Acres in Columbus, NE.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 25, 2014, at Zion Lutheran Church in Clay Center with Rev. Del Klover officiating. Interment will follow at the Clay Center Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., with the family present from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., at McLaughlin Funeral Home in Clay Center, NE.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Zion Lutheran Church in Clay Center, NE or to the donor's choice.

Betty Alice was born May 8, 1927, to Emil and Ella (Lee) Miller in Akron, Ohio. Betty completed her high school education in Akron, worked for Goodyear and at a movie theater after school and during the summer.

After her graduation she moved with her parents to Lameta California. She attended College to study Art and Interior Design. While attending College she worked as a phone operator and attended First Lutheran Church.

She Married Ervin Wenske on May 21, 1950, and moved to Olympia

Washington. In 1953, they moved north of Edgar, Nebraska to farm. Betty worked as a phone operator in Superior for a short time then went to Kansas City and became a key punch operator then worked for the USDA until they moved the office. She began training at Mary Lanning Hospital to become a certified aid and worked there until the Edgar care facility opened. She moved from the Aid position to helping with Social Services, Driving the van, writing the newsletter and helping with many social activities. After retiring from the care facility she began working as a home health aide in the Clay County area.

Betty was a long time member of Zion Luther Church in Clay Center and continued to help pick Hymns after moving to Hastings. She enjoyed being a member of Betty's club and hosted many family activities. She was interested in History, current events, keeping the mind active with word search and Nebraska football.

Always a smile, helping hands and kind heart.

She is survived by her daughters, Carol and Thomas Paine of Blair, NE; Deborah and Frank Brooks of Hastings, NE; son, William and Lorraine Wenske of Columbus, NE; grandsons, Aaron and Angie Brooks of Lawrence, KS; Matthew and Theresa Wenske of Duncan, NE; granddaughter, Alicia Wenske of Columbus, NE; step - granddaughter, Crystal Lake of Humphrey, NE; step - grandsons, John and Nicole Wuest of O'Fallon, MO; Wayne Wuest of Monroe, NE and 11 great - grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her Husband, Ervin; parents, Emil and Ella Miller; sister, Anne Baumgardt; brother, Andy Miller and Grandson, Jason Brooks.

Tribute Wall

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“ Although I met Betty on only one or two occasions, I knew her well. A loving mother's traits don't stray far from her daughter's sense of fun, family and compassion. I have seen Betty's 'girls' laugh together and show each other how their upbringing has spread joy to all who call them friends. God bless you Deb, Carol and family.

peg stevens - October 23, 2014 at 07:25 PM

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“ To the entire Wenske family, So saddened to hear of the passing of Betty. Please know that I am sending God's love and comfort to each of you.

Trisha Shepard - October 23, 2014 at 02:33 PM

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“ My closest aunt, "just around the corner" from our house. She and my mom helped each other with canning cherries, etc. and filling the freezers with chickens and corn. I called her on the phone when I was home alone. She always was somebody everyone could depend on. I'm glad I got to visit with Aunt Betty in May; we reminisced about the distant past, when I was a little kid and she was a young bride.
To my little cousins, Carol, Deborah and William. I wish I could hug each of you right now. Love, Joanie

Joan Wenske McArthur - October 22, 2014 at 09:01 PM

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“ *To all of Betty's Family,*

We were so sorry to hear of Betty's passing. I was hoping to get to visit her after she got settled in Brookstone. We always enjoyed her company and remember times spent with your family. She had such a pleasant personality and lovely smile. Be comforted that she and Ervin are now together with the Lord. May He comfort you all during this time.

Cliff & RoJean Lambrecht

Cliff & RoJean Lambrecht - October 21, 2014 at 05:45 PM