



Ms. Betty Bayless

January 15, 1922 - March 27, 2022

Betty Lou Bayless, 100, of Lingle, Wyoming, went to be with our Lord on Sunday, March 27, 2022, at the Gulf Health Care Center in Galveston, Texas. Betty was born to Winnie and William Jay Knowlton on January 15, 1922, in Torrington, Wyoming. It was from her mother and her active participation in 4-H that Betty's interests and talents as a seamstress developed.

She was married to Maurice (Mort) Bayless on October 20, 1940. They settled on Mirage Flats, south of Hay Springs, Nebraska, after WWII, where they were highly active participants in building the community and their family. Living on an irrigation farm, they worked hard and joyfully raised six children. They were very active in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, where Betty taught Sunday school, lead the choir and played the organ and piano for church services, and participated in 4-H activities. As the years passed and the children headed to college, it was not unusual to see Betty helping Mort with the harvest by driving a tractor and raking beans in the early morning hours while there was still dew on the ground.

After nearly thirty years, Betty and Mort retired to the Torrington area of Wyoming and travelled in their VW Camper enjoying time touring and visiting family and friends in all 48 states of the continental United States. Many still treasure the beautiful quilts, comforters, crocheted blankets, embroidered wall hangings, and refinished and reupholstered furnishing Betty carefully crafted and lovingly offered as gifts. And many memories have been recalled of Friday lunches at Lira's, a Mexican restaurant in Lingle with nieces and

extended family members.

Ten years ago, she moved to Galveston, TX living with her grandson, Jeff Farrell's family. In the last two years she lived in the Gulf Health Care Center. It was there that her six children all gathered to celebrate her 100th birthday and share sweet memories of her life well spent.

She is survived by her children, David (Donna) Bayless of North Huntingdon, PA, Phyllis Ditsch of Alliance NE, Dan (Beth) Bayless of Bridgeport, NE, Marilyn Persson of Hitchcock, TX, Bruce (Carolyn) Bayless of League City, TX, and Linda (Dean) Huckfeldt of Alliance, NE, as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband Maurice, brothers, Richard Lee Knowlton, Jay Knowlton. and Bill Jones; sisters, Eula Martinez, and Lois Stephens; sons-in-laws, Lloyd Ditsch and Walter Ditsch.

A memorial service will be held in Wyoming at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Betty Bayless*

October 05, 2023 at 01:51 AM



“ *Grandma Betty was always super kind to me and gave me haircuts when I was in law school and couldn't afford to go to the barbershop lol. She was a very fine woman, RIP.*

Kyle Doviken - April 02, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ *I have fond memories of the VW camping and fishing. I caught my first fish with grandma and grandpa. I certainly remember good times as a child and was thankful Grandma was able to meet my oldest child. Rest In Peace Grandma, you've lived a life full of memories.*

Loren Ditsch - March 31, 2022 at 09:07 PM



“ *I have several loving memories of both Grandma & Grandpa visiting when I was young as well as several of just Grandma. She will always have a special place in my heart. ❤️*

Danelle Eleson - March 31, 2022 at 08:54 PM