



Mary "Betty" Carlson

March 10, 1930 - May 13, 2020

CEDAR FALLS – Mary E. “Betty” Carlson, 90, of Cedar Falls died Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at her home.

She was born March 10, 1930 in Waterloo, Iowa, daughter of Arnold and Leah (Cable) Forney. She married Keith M. Carlson on March 11, 1950 in Waterloo. He preceded her in death on November 16, 2018.

Betty attended various schools in the area, including Union Township, Iowa State Teachers College Elementary, Jesup Consolidated School, East Waterloo Junior and Senior High, and graduated from Orange Consolidated School. She attended Iowa State Teachers College (UNI) for a year and was employed as a waitress at Forney’s Den in Cedar Falls and Treloar’s Inn, Fort Dodge. She then worked in stock control at Fort Dodge Laboratories; owned and operated Granny’s Workbasket in Waterloo; was an Audiologist for AEA 7; a receiving manager for Seiferts in Cedar Falls; and then Gift Wrapping Manager at Von Maur in Cedar Falls, retiring in 1992. She was a member of P.E.O. Chapter R, charter and life member of Beaver Hills Country Club, and 44-year member of Friends Count.

Survived by: two daughters, Cathy (William) Craig of Cedar Falls, Cindy (Craig) Young of Paraguay; two sons, Curt (Sue) Carlson of Washington, and Craig (Sam) Carlson of Indiana; seven grandchildren: Saylar (Tracy) Craig,

Mia (Scott) Hagarty, Erika (Sergio) Golasik, Sara (Brian) Freund, Chace and Creed Carlson, and Kenneth Carlson; four great grandchildren, Kalia and Harrison Craig, Anya Hagarty, and Sebastian Freund; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by: a son, Kent Carlson; granddaughter, Keely Craig; grandson, Calder Carlson; and two brothers, Loren John and Palmer Forney.

No services are being held at this time. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Memorials may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice.

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Betty (and Keith) being so welcoming when we joined Beaver Hills as golf members. I was fortunate to play in tournaments with both of them and they were so much fun! Betty was always smiling. My sympathies to the family.

Casey Reynolds - May 19, 2020 at 12:25 PM

JK

“ Betty was such a welcoming and fun person to be around. Enjoyed playing bridge with her and listening to all her stories. She will be greatly missed.

Janet Kahler - May 17, 2020 at 02:32 PM

JB

“ Betty was always so kind. She was so welcoming to me as a new member to the ladies group at Beaver Hills many years ago. Her smile and laugh I will always remember. My sympathies to her family. She and Keith are united once again in heaven.
Jan Bittner

Jan And Scott Bittner - May 16, 2020 at 06:25 PM

SK

It is hard to lose a parent. She never truly leaves us. She will stay in our hearts and memories for ever. Goodbye, Aunt Betty. You have many friends with you. Give Mom, Dad, LJ and Keith big hugs.

Sharon Forney Koenig

Sharon Forney Koenig - May 17, 2020 at 12:37 PM

RS

Living in Chariton, it was always a joy to see Betty and Keith when I went to Cedar Falls/Waterloo to visit. After Keith died, Betty still welcomed us to her home for a family reunion in the summer when Bill and Cathy's children were back with the grandchildren where home. Betty's graciousness will be missed.

Ruth Smith, Bill's sister - May 18, 2020 at 10:54 AM