



## Betty O'Brien

August 26, 1928 - September 11, 2006

TORRINGTON, WYOMING.....Funeral services for BETTY MAE O'BRIEN, 78, will be held at 2:00p.m. on Friday September 22, 2006 at the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church with Reverend Curtis Hill officiating. Burial will follow in the Ft. Laramie Cemetery. Betty died at Community Hospital on Monday, September 11, 2006. A memorial has been established to the Ft. Laramie Presbyterian Church. Visitation will be on Thursday from noon until 7:00p.m. and on Friday from 9:00a.m. till noon. The casket will be closed at the service. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com) Betty was born August 26, 1928 west of Henry, Nebraska the daughter of John and Florence (McKee) Jepson. She grew up and received her education in Huntley, Wyoming graduating from Huntley High School. She married James O'Brien on February 27, 1946 in Henry, Nebraska and they moved to Ft. Collins, Colorado in 1947. In 1948 they moved to a ranch north of Ft. Laramie, Wyoming where they farmed and ranched for many years. She worked for the Wyoming Census Bureau. She welcomed everyone into her home with a smile and love. She was like a mother , grandmother and friend to the many people who came into her life. She loved people and loved to read and tell a bit of history to them. She and her husband celebrated 60 years of marriage in 2006. Betty loved to travel, do crossword puzzles, needlework, and play cribbage. She was a member of the Kaspierre Extension Club, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Community

Supper Club and the Ft. Laramie Presbyterian where she served as treasurer for several years. Betty is survived by her husband James of Ft. Laramie; a daughter, Margie Small and her husband Curtis of Decatur, Texas; two sons, Irvin O'Brien and his wife Marlene of Enid, Oklahoma, and Harold O'Brien and his wife Becky of Riverton, Wyoming; two grandsons Shawn McCoy of Ft. Laramie and Cody Jones of Weatherford, Texas; two granddaughters, Tanya Jones of Weatherford and Emma O'Brien of Cheyenne, Wyoming; and one brother Donald Jepson and his wife Evelyn Mae of Douglas, Wyoming. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Gene; and two sons, Michael and Sandy

# Tribute Wall

TP

“ Dear Jim,

*I was so sad to read of the passing of your sweet wife. Please accept my deepest sympathy. I know what it is like to lose a sweetheart.*

*You and Betty were great parents with your adopted children. I loved working with them when they were students in Lingle and I was their school nurse.*

*I always enjoyed seeing both of you at the Trailblazer Reunions.*

*A Friend, Thelma Wold Perryman*

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**Thelma Perryman** - September 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *May Jim and his children find comfort during this time, knowing that Betty was an exemplary woman, strong in faith and beliefs. She touched all our lives in a special way.*

*Though the miles separated us, we always had her in our thoughts.*

*With great love and respect to a woman we held dear.*

*I have met many women in my life, and none so great as Betty O'Brien.*

*May she rest in peace, knowing she was loved.*

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**Ginger Hoffman** - September 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ i often talk about her to my family...  
i knew so little about her..to me she was auntie betty with a short house....  
i will miss her greatly as she passed away so did a part of me...this is a great loss....but god will hold her in his hand til we get there to be with her again....i love you auntie bettyxoxox

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**terry {barron} spencer** - September 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ I always wondered how I would feel when this day came to pass. I feel a great loss. Betty and Jimmy were the first people Tom and I met, moving to Torrington some 19 years ago. They welcomed us with open arms. Betty was like a strong pioneer woman to me. She was a very interesting person to talk to and had a sense of humor as well. She will be greatly missed.

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**Ida Larson** - September 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Betty. She truly was a great wife, mother, grandmother & friend. Betty was a very special lady to me and I will miss her deeply. My prayers & thoughts are with you Jim, Margie and all.

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**Cheryl (Scott) Kregel** - September 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ sorry to hear abuout mrs o'brien  
  
god bless

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**melinda** - September 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ Betty was like a second mother to me. She taught how to keep in the lines when I colored. I was only 4 or 5. I remember going to VBS with her and she took me to church on Sundays. I used to lay in her lap and peel her fingernail polish off. Not many women would let some little girl do that.

Jim and Betty came to my 5th birthday party and brought me a small suitcase. I would stay at their house then ride the school bus home in the mornings. You can't do that now. I still have that little suitcase. It's held together with duct tape. It's almost 40 years old. But I remember that day as if it were today.

We moved to Illinois, Jan. 1973, but the the few times we would be able to come back to Ft. Laramie, Betty & Jim's home was always open. Thier place was my home away from home.

Betty, I love you and will miss you. I thank you for taking me to church as a little girl. I have raised my children in Church and Sunday School. My family is a Christian family. And it started with Betty's love for a little girl.

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**Shannon Rae Thomason Loker** - September 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ we send our condolences, thoughts and prayers.

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**Albert Irvin Thomason** - September 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM