



Betty Jean Young

January 29, 1926 - September 27, 2020

Memorial services for BETTY JEAN YOUNG, 94, will be held at 10:30am Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at the Henry/ Lyman Methodist Church with Reverend Joe Schumacher officiating. Betty Jean died September 27, 2020 at Heritage Estates in Gering, Nebraska and cremation has taken place.

Memorials may be given to the Henry/Lyman Methodist Church.

Arrangements are by the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Betty Jean Young was born on the family homestead to Freda and John Heiser on January 29, 1926. She was joined by sister Fern and later Shirley. They had a simple childhood filled with memories of gathering eggs, milking cows, herding cattle, but her most loved experience was music. She attended Kautzer school until the eighth grade and during those years her teachers from school would come to the house to teach piano, tap dance and violin. Betty excelled at piano and always wondered why anyone would not want to practice. They attended the Henry Methodist Church in Henry, Nebraska. Betty became a member and couldn't wait for her turn to play for church.

After attending Kautzer school she attended Lyman High School and was valedictorian of the Class of 1943. After graduation she worked in Torrington, Wyoming at Citizen's Bank where her job was to return checks with insufficient funds by walking around town returning them to respective

businesses or individuals. She lived in Torrington during the week and took the train from Torrington to Henry on the weekends. As she returned to Henry, she would stop at the church to practice for the Sunday service. She continued to play for church, rarely missing a Sunday until she was ninety-two years old. As the church combined with neighboring communities, she would sometimes play for three different churches on a given Sunday morning.

In June 1946 she married Frederic Young at the family homestead as he returned from World War II. Following their marriage, they lived in Lyman where they raised their three children: Donald, Julie and Jeane. Betty was active in the community playing for church, graduations, weddings, funerals and accompanying for school plays. Often, she was accompanied by her daughter Julie who had a beautiful voice. Julie always said, "We make a great team." Betty worked as a secretary for the family run business a local lumber yard and later Harpstreith Bean which then sold to Kelley Bean.

Betty was an active member of Eastern Star and belonged to the organization in Lyman and the Sunflower Chapter in Mitchell, Nebraska. She also held the position of Grand Organist for the State of Nebraska and was a member of Chapter M, P.E.O. Betty was an eighty-four year member of the Henry/Lyman Methodist Church. She gave piano lessons to many youth in the area and was an expert knitter. She gave knitting lessons to 4-H members and made beautiful sweaters and other items for family members and friends. Sewing was an important part of her life, sewing clothes for her family or doll clothes for a favorite toy. When the holidays rolled around, she spent several weeks perfecting her candy recipes and shared her holiday treats with family and friends. She was best known for her perfected fudge recipe which was shared at various holidays throughout the years. Holiday dinners were a special time for family to be together.

Preceding Betty in death were her parents; husband; daughter Julie; and both

sisters. She is survived by her son Donald and wife Carole of Torrington, Wyoming; daughter Jeane and husband Steve of Lyman, Nebraska; granddaughter Kate and husband Shane of Longmont, Colorado with great grandson Stratton Henry; grandson Mark and wife Jenna on the family homestead along with great grandsons Preston and Hudson; and son-in-law Larry Christofferson. Betty will always be remembered by her gift of sharing music.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

Morrill, NE

Previous Events

Memorial services

SEP **30**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Henry United Methodist Church
HENRY, NE

Tribute Wall

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“ *Knowing Betty was a privilege for me. Her music and her calming demeanor drew in those around her to be the best they could be. I held her in high regard and it was very special to me to be one of her PEO sisters.*
Karin Eisenhauer



Karin Eisenhauer - October 02, 2020 at 11:49 AM

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“ *We are remembering our precious friend Betty and her loving family today!*
We are forever grateful for the kindness and love Betty shared with our family.
We send our love and comfort to the family.

Steve and Rita Widmann - September 30, 2020 at 05:00 PM

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“ *We are so grateful for the enduring and meaningful friendship we shared with our beloved Betty and her loving family. We believe for peace and comfort to surround Betty's loving family now.*

Steve and Rita Widmann - September 30, 2020 at 04:15 PM

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“ We thank Father God for Betty’s sincere and deep love of God and family and friends. We are forever touched by all the kind and loving members of Betty’s family. We want you to know in this day and age it is rare to experience the acceptance and true friendship this family offered to us and others. We have precious moments to hold in our hearts forever.

We will be united again in eternal life and that reunion will have unspeakable joy! We extend love and peace to all of you today and for always,

The Widmanns and Holsteens

Steve and Rita Widmann - September 30, 2020 at 01:29 PM

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“ We are so grateful for the times we shared with Betty and family through the years. Our lives have all been touched by the love and kindness of Betty and her entire family. She has left a loving and lasting mark on all our family that can never be erased. We experienced sincere friendship and a sense of true belonging to them all which is rare in this day. We will carry Betty and her daughter, Julie, as well as all the family in our hearts for always. Our thanks are unto Father God for allowing us to know and be known by these lovely people. Love from All the Widmanns and Holsteens

Steve and Rita Widmann - September 30, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ I will always treasure the memories of being a kid at Grandma Betty's house and listening to her play piano. I can still see it all now. She had such a kind and giving heart that I see in the rest of her family as well. I am so thankful for her loving impact on this world. Praying for us all as we mourn the loss of an amazing woman and as we take time to remember the countless happy moments she brought us. - Julie Widmann

Julie Ann - September 30, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Young.*



September 29, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ *I'm So sorry for your loss. Betty would visit mom occasionally & I know mom enjoyed visiting with her. Betty was a very sweet lady that will be missed. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all. May she Rest In Peace.*

Brenda Lowry - September 29, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ *Jeane & Steve, Mark, Katie and families, Donald and family: I am saddened to hear of the loss of your mother and grandmother. Betty touched my life so much as I was a young lady. She was involved with the Job's Daughters in Lyman from the time I was accepted through when my term ended. I can still hear her beautiful music. She was so very beautiful and gracious and a perfect example for all of us to aspire to. I was always so excited to see her when our paths crossed later at extended family gatherings. I am sure that the Angels in Heaven are singing to the accompaniment from their newest Angel, Betty.
Love to you all, Janice Boender (Carlson)*

Janice E Boender - September 29, 2020 at 03:38 PM

PR

“ Don, Jeanie and family we are so sorry to hear of Bettys passing. She was one of the first to welcome us to our home in Lyman and was always so good to see her setting in her lawn chair watching and waving to us as we did improvements on the house. Will always remember her sweat smile, gentle voice and unending kindness ,, safe journey Betty, Rest easy my dear, until we meet again.

Peggy G Robinson - September 29, 2020 at 01:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Young.



September 29, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Young.



September 28, 2020 at 11:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Young.



September 28, 2020 at 11:20 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Young.*



September 28, 2020 at 11:01 PM



“ *Taught me piano lessons for many years! Great teacher. Great lady!*

Beth Ganer - September 28, 2020 at 10:59 PM



“ *Theil Ryan lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Young*



Theil Ryan - September 28, 2020 at 03:52 PM