



Betty Bigalke

March 3, 1929 - October 17, 2016

Betty Bigalke, 87 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Monday, October 17, 2016 at the Little Falls Care Center in Little Falls, MN. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, October 24, 2016 at Zion Lutheran Church in Little Falls, MN with Rev. Gary Hendrickson officiating. Burial will take place in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. A visitation will be held from 4-7 P.M. on Sunday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN and from 10-11 A.M. on Monday at Zion Lutheran Church in Little Falls, MN. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Betty June Copley was born on March 3, 1929 in Meadow, South Dakota to the late Daniel and Tillie (Tepley) Copley. She moved to Minnesota when she was five years of age and the family settled near Little Falls, MN. Betty graduated from Little Falls High School with the Class of 1947. When she was a senior, she met her future husband Vernon Bigalke. They were united in marriage on September 1, 1948 at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Little Falls, MN. Betty and Vernon moved to the farm in Darling Township that Vernon had purchased before they were married. There they raised their four boys. In 1978 they sold the farm and moved to a home along the Mississippi River where they lived until 2001, then they moved into Little Falls. Betty worked at Morrison County Cooperative for many years in addition to taking care of her duties as a farm wife and mother. She enjoyed canning, gardening, baking, cooking, and playing cards with her family and friends. She served on the

school board, taught Sunday school, and was active in the VFW, D.A.V Auxiliary, and EX-POW's. Betty was very active with Vernon's efforts to raise money for the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, north of Little Falls, MN.

She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Betty is survived by sons, Darrell Bigalke and Lanette Mayer of Stillwater, MN, Dan (Sally) Bigalke of Maplewood, MN and Bruce (Carol) of Ham Lake, MN; six grandchildren, Annie Bigalke, Siiri Bigalke, Brock Bigalke, Joe Bigalke, Jacob (Amber Philliber) Bigalke and Emily Scott; three great-grandchildren, Charlie, Destiny and Gracie May; sisters, Millie (DeWayne) Schwanke and Jeanette Schwanke; and very special friends, Bill Nieman of Little Falls and his family.

Betty was preceded in death by husband, Vernon Bigalke; son, Bradley Bigalke; parents, Daniel & Tillie Copley; sister, Geneva Venske; and brother, Dale Copley.

In Lieu of Flowers, Memorials Are Preferred.

Cemetery Details

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church - Little Falls
411 3rd Avenue NE
Little Falls, MN

Service

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church - Little Falls
411 3rd Avenue NE
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Bigalke*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - October 21, 2016 at 03:31 PM



“ *Betty Bigalke*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Georgia Hillstrom lit a candle in memory of Betty Bigalke*



Georgia Hillstrom - October 22, 2016 at 06:37 PM



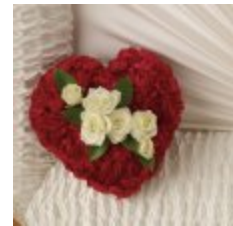
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Lemieur Funeral Homes - October 21, 2016 at 03:30 PM



“ *A Devoted Heart Casket Insert was purchased for the family of Betty Bigalke.*



October 21, 2016 at 03:01 PM



“ *Reflections of Gratitude Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Bigalke.*



October 21, 2016 at 02:59 PM



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



October 21, 2016 at 02:58 PM



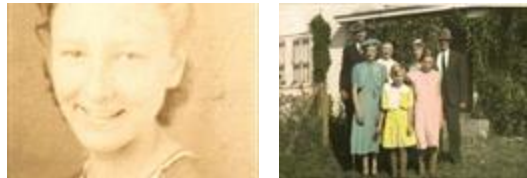
“ *Betty was such a wonderful, caring, kind woman. She was always so positive and it was a joy to be with her. Our sympathy to your family; she will be greatly missed.*

Dave and Irene Becker

Dave and Irene Becker - October 21, 2016 at 01:36 PM



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Linda - October 21, 2016 at 11:53 AM

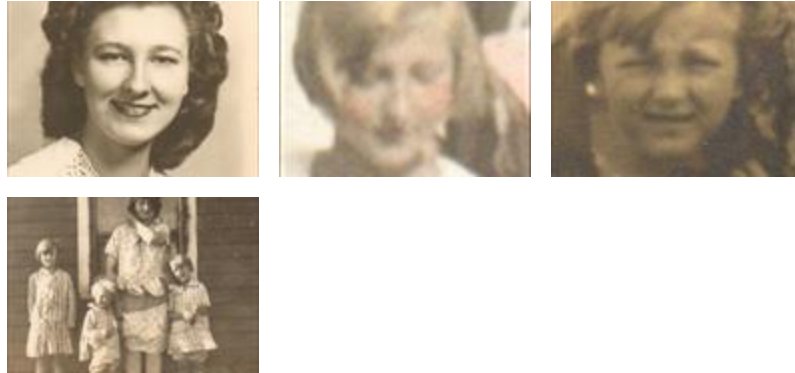


“ *Betty was such a beautiful caring lady, she was a active member in the Randall V.F.W #9073 and D.A.V. Auxilliary, I will miss her many hugs. Rest in Peace my friend. Roger & Karen Harakel*

Karen Harakel - October 21, 2016 at 10:40 AM

LP

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Linda Peterson - October 21, 2016 at 08:39 AM



“ Krista Ponting lit a candle in memory of Betty Bigalke



Krista Ponting - October 21, 2016 at 07:02 AM

SS

“ I am so sorry to hear that my dear friend Betty June has passed away. We met at our Lindy Lady home study group and became good friends right away. I loved getting her e-mail stories and dropping by her house with a surprise bouquet of flowers when I was in town. She leaves a big hole in my heart.

Shirley Seelen - October 21, 2016 at 12:38 AM

PK

“ I served on the Board of Trustees with Betty for many years wrapping up the business of Morrison County Co-op/Cenex.



Pat Kasella - October 20, 2016 at 04:50 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Bigalke.



October 20, 2016 at 02:10 PM

JD

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Julie Doucette



Julie Doucette - October 20, 2016 at 12:31 PM

PF

“ Pamela Freudenrich lit a candle in memory of Betty Bigalke



Pamela Freudenrich - October 20, 2016 at 06:45 AM

AK

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Betty's family she was a dear friend to my grandmother but I had only met her a few years ago and I always looked forward to her visits. What a wonderful lady.*

Amanda Kjeldergaard - October 19, 2016 at 11:25 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Betty Bigalke.*



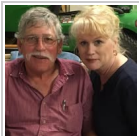
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“ *Laurie Venske Koll lit a candle in memory of Betty Bigalke*



Laurie Venske Koll - October 19, 2016 at 02:01 PM



“ *Judy Berger lit a candle in memory of Betty Bigalke*



Judy Berger - October 19, 2016 at 12:33 PM

JF

“ Justin Maalis and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Betty Bigalke.



Justin Maalis and family - October 19, 2016 at 09:40 AM

JN

“ Jim & Linda Nuehring lit a candle in memory of Betty Bigalke



Jim & Linda Nuehring - October 18, 2016 at 08:41 PM

AF

“ Amy Hartwig & Family lit a candle in memory of Betty Bigalke



Amy Hartwig & Family - October 18, 2016 at 08:19 PM

MO

“ To Betty's family: My deepest sympathy! Now our parents are playing cards, and square dancing , laughing and having fun in heaven. What a beautiful lady !! Love to all . Maureen Sanders Okroi

Maureen Okroi - October 18, 2016 at 05:52 PM

WR

“ Wendy Rutz lit a candle in memory of Betty Bigalke



wendy rutz - October 18, 2016 at 03:49 PM

SN

“ Sandy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Betty Bigalke



Sandy Nelson - October 18, 2016 at 02:45 PM

BA

“ Brent & Cortney Ambuehl lit a candle in memory of Betty Bigalke



brent & cortney ambuehl - October 18, 2016 at 02:35 PM

SW

“ Steve & Mary Ann White lit a candle in memory of Betty Bigalke



Steve & Mary Ann White - October 18, 2016 at 02:26 PM

MN

“ Mike And Renee Nieman lit a candle in memory of Betty Bigalke



Mike and Renee Nieman - October 18, 2016 at 02:05 PM

WR

Betty will be greatly missed. She was such a wonderful and caring person. No one will ever take the place of my mom, but Betty sure came close. She has been such a great friend to my dad and a fun person to be around. (even putting up with dad sometimes she kept her humor up). God has blessed all who knew Betty, and may she now rest in peace. Wendy&Dave

wendy rutz - October 18, 2016 at 03:48 PM