



## Betty Roy

February 2, 1928 - January 21, 2015

Betty Roy, age 86, passed peacefully, surrounded by her family, on January 21, 2015, at Hilltop Care Center in Spirit Lake.

Betty was born on February 2, 1928, to her parents Alfred and Edith Ponder in Little Wigbourough, England.

She spent her childhood with her parents and nine brothers and sisters on the Isle of Mersea playing and going to school. At the age of 14 she became a service worker for a local farm family.

Betty married a soldier and moved to LeMars, Iowa in 1946, where she began raising her family, eventually settling in Arnolds Park. In 1963, Betty moved to Southern California with her children, where she became the first woman to line cook at a large chain restaurant. In 1974, Betty returned to make Arnolds Park her home once again, where she worked at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital as a cook until she retired.

Betty was an avid gardener and loved to feed wild birds. She was a very skilled knitter and her family enjoyed many gloves, hats, sweaters, pillows, slippers, and stockings. She was honored with a huge purple grand prize ribbon for a hand knitted clown she entered in the Clay County Fair.

She was a joyful woman who loved spending time with friends. She loved her family and enjoyed potlucks and picnics at the beach and of course made the BEST potato salad in the world.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; eight brothers and sisters; infant daughter, Tina Renee; and daughter, Sandra Kay Evaro.

She is survived by her sister, June Jezierski of Kelvedon, England; 3 children, Michael Koppert, Deborah Paxton (Michael), Sheila Ove (Robert); 7 grandchildren, Dana Evaro, Caitlin Paxton, Madison Paxton (Jenna Buhr), Rebecca Ove (Dennis Tolan), Angela Ove, Gina Ove (Jerry Thompson) and Ashley Ove (Mark Morrow); and 9 great-grandchildren Kayla Hartman, Ava Evaro, Michael Tolan, Bailee Tolan, Brayden Tolan, Lucas Ove, Marley Morrow, Riley Paxton and Grady Thompson.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00A.M. Monday, January 26, 2015, at the First Lutheran Church in West Okoboji. The Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ I knew Betty when I lived in Arnolds Park and she always had the nicest smile and happy personality. Our condolences to all the family..

John and Marlys - January 25, 2015 at 06:40 PM

PT

“ I was honored to have enjoyed Betty's potatoe salad on different occassions. I also worked a couple parties with Betty and her daughters. The food was always fantastic and so much fun. Sorry I can't make it to the services. I will be praying for you all.

Paula Krogman Tietz - January 25, 2015 at 07:10 AM

JG

“ Deepest Sympathy to Betty's Family. I have happy memories of her at the Milford Legion she was always happy and smiling and who could forget her wonderful accent. I'm also honored to work with her at the hospital in the kitchen, and those of us who was younger learned alot of short cuts in cooking from her .

Janine Gapinski - January 23, 2015 at 12:41 PM

BW

“ To Betty's family I send my sincerest condolences. I remember Betty working at the hospital. She always had a smile and I thought she was so pretty. She is in a joyous, peaceful place now.

Bev Wittler - January 22, 2015 at 09:44 PM

LT

“ *It was a pleasure and a privilege to know and care for you Betty Roy. You will forever have a special place in my heart. RIP beautiful lady. You will be dearly missed.*

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**Laura Truslow** - January 22, 2015 at 09:33 PM

LH

“ *Dearest Betty-You brought laughter and joy to all who knew you. I will treasure our time together and the songs we shared as precious memories.*

*Laura Hanna*

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**Laura Hanna** - January 22, 2015 at 07:41 AM