



Betty (Long) Clarcken

April 11, 1938 - April 29, 2014

Betty (Long) Clarcken, daughter of Hermon and Elsie (Westrum) Long, was born April 11, 1938 in rural Dayton, Iowa.

Betty graduated from Webster City High School and then pursued a professional dancing career. She taught dance class and led the local drill team for several years. On May 20, 1956, she married Harold Clarcken of Corwith, Iowa. They lived in Webster City, Humboldt, West Des Moines, and Waukee, Iowa. She was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Waukee for 48 years.

She was preceded in death by one son, Danny Clarcken, a sister, Bonnie Long in infancy, and both of her parents.

Survivors include one son, Kevin (Julie) Clarcken, and three daughters, Debra Hueholt-Hartman, Michelle (Todd) Van Maanen, and Annette (Grant) Duncan. She cherished her eight grandchildren- Jared (Meghan Walter) Hueholt, Erin (Joseph) Hill, Kelsey Ihde, Taylor Sullivan, Jesse Van Maanen, Molly Ihde, Daniel Clarcken, and Justin Clarcken as well as four great grandchildren, Wylie, Dawson, Amesley, and Natalie. She recently wrote about her children and grandchildren that, "Those, of course, are my greatest accomplishments and rewards."

Betty died on April 29, 2014 at Mercy West Lakes Hospital in West Des Moines, Iowa from respiratory complications. She was surrounded by her family and close friends as she peacefully and gracefully passed away. Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 AM, Monday, May 5, 2014 at St.

Boniface Catholic Church in Waukee, Iowa. Visitation with the family present will be 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Sunday, May 4, 2014 at the Ernst Funeral Home in Waukee, Iowa, with a Prayer Service at 6:00 pm. For more information or to send condolences, please visit www.diamondmemorial.com or call (515) 964-7543.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the family in loving memory of Betty Clarken.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Ernst Funeral Home
Waukee, IA

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church
1200 Warrior Ln
Waukee, IA 50263

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Dear Clarken's,

Bridget and I send our deepest sympathies and sincere condolence on the passing of your Mother. Betty was a wonderful lady. I will always remember her for her kindness and caring spirit.

Peace be with all of you at this time,

*Kathy Martin
(formerly of Waukee)*

kathy martin - May 04, 2014 at 10:57 AM

DR

“ Debra Randel lit a candle in memory of Betty
(Long) Clarken



Debra Randel - May 02, 2014 at 03:20 PM

KS

“ *Clarcken Clan*

I was so sad when I heard about Betty. I really thought she'd walk right out of there and be back to her normal self. After seeing her just a month ago, this is still a shock.

Chuck and I wish we could be there for the visitation and funeral. I so want to be there with you.

I have a ton of great memories of my "Favorite Aunt" as she called herself. The Swedish comments, kissing her hands when she did something good, and most of all that laugh of hers. I loved it that she was so proud of being from the Webster City area too.

Since we lost my Mom, Betty has checked in on me regularly with visits, phone calls, email and lots of cards (and not the free postcards my Dad always sent her either!). I'll never forget her kindness, especially this last year when I was very sick, and I'll miss her watching over me but I know she'll be watching over me along with my Mom.

May I wish you all peace in this sad time.

Love

Kim Schroeder

Kim Schroeder - May 02, 2014 at 01:06 PM

TB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Betty's death, Betty was an amazing lady. I have so many great memories of Harold and Betty. Betty and I always enjoyed sharing family history. I will miss our little chats about Long/Dutcher adventures. Sincere sympathy to her family, rest in peace Betty. Love, Teresa Dutcher Bergeson*

Teresa Dutcher Bergeson - May 02, 2014 at 01:01 PM

JM

*Dear Clarken's
Our sincere Sympathy to all of you.
The McCullough Family*

Jerry and Linda McCullough - May 04, 2014 at 05:22 PM