



Betty Mae Ruegge

January 24, 1942 - December 12, 2021

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Betty Mae Ruegge, 79, passed away December 12, 2021 at Heritage Crossings Hospice, where she had spent her final days peacefully.

On January 24, 1942 Betty was born to Frank and Louise Valish. She was born in Columbus, Nebraska. She graduated in 1959 from Schuyler High School in Schuyler, Nebraska, where she participated in Glee club, Pep, Choir among other activities.

After a couple years of College and working at Mutual of Omaha Insurance company, she met Herb Ruegge.

After a short courtship, they married in December of 1967 on a snowy day in Omaha. They then traveled out west for a job for Herb. Oregon is where their Daughter Jennifer was born. The road then took them to Minnesota where son Matthew was born. After 7 years, they moved back to their roots in Nebraska. Several friends and family around made it a joyous time in their lives, however in 1983, one more move would be made to California.

Betty worked various jobs during her lifetime, but longest was spent at Kingsburg Insurance Agency where she later would retire in 2005. After retirement, she didn't slow down. Betty worked short hours for City Hall and

volunteered, as well as took care and spent time with Grandchildren and many, many friends. Her passion was helping at Kingsburg Cancer Volunteers, many Swedish Festivals, and the Watermelon Festival. She enjoyed being an active member of her church, Concordia Lutheran and also the Tuesday Club.

Betty could be often seen around town on her morning walks or quick bike rides to the Post Office.

She has 5 grandchildren, Justine Woods Ulrich, Kendall Woods, Matthew Ruegge II, Kinsleigh Ruegge, and Skyler Ruegge.

Betty loved gardening, a bit of travel, game nights, watching her grandchildren and we mustn't forget about her beloved Nebraska Huskers Football.

She is survived by her daughter, Jenny and her husband Luke Woods of Kingsburg. And Matt Ruegge of Kingsburg. Bern, her brother and his wife Pat of Lexington, Ne, Brother in Law Earl also in Ne. and several nieces and nephews throughout Nebraska and Florida.

She is preceded in Death by her beloved husband, Herb, her parents, and her sister Gladys Sedlacek.

Services will be as follows; Kingsburg Graveside service at 11 am on the 28th of December, followed by a luncheon at Historical Park.

Remembrances may be made to Kingsburg Cancer Volunteers. PO BOX 26, Kingsburg, Ca. 93631 Or: Historical Park Society PO BOX 282 Kingsburg, Ca. 93631

Previous Events

Graveside

DEC **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Kingsburg Cemetery
12782 E. Clarkson Avenue
Kingsburg, CA 93631

Tribute Wall

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“ Betty was my neighbor in Blair, Nebraska when our children were in elementary school. She was always ready to have coffee while the kids were playing together! Betty was a wonderful mother and a good friend. We visited each other after we lost our husbands and we kept in touch online for years. I am so glad Betty was my friend. I will miss her...

Janis Vinton Sasse - December 29, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Betty Mae Ruegge.



December 27, 2021 at 05:28 PM

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“ It was such a pleasure having known Betty since 1994, when I started working with Kingsburg Insurance Agency. She excelled at her job and was a great wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a good friend and gave a lot of her time giving back to the community of Kingsburg. She will be missed very much. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Mike Franks - December 27, 2021 at 05:02 PM

DM

“ *What a wonderful friend Betty was to me for so many years. We had so much fun as roommates in Omaha and also working together. I will miss our e-mails, texts, and Christmas and Birthday cards. I always loved hearing what she was busy doing and the fun things she did with her family.*

Donna Martin - December 27, 2021 at 01:40 PM

KW

“ *Betty's friendship has been such a Blessing in my life! I have always been amazed at her boundless energy and her devotion to serving others. I will cherish the memories of our times together and will miss my dear friend! My thoughts and prayers are with the family of this incredible woman.*
Kaye

Kaye Wells - December 26, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Mae Ruegge.*



December 26, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Betty Mae Ruegge.*



December 21, 2021 at 09:18 PM