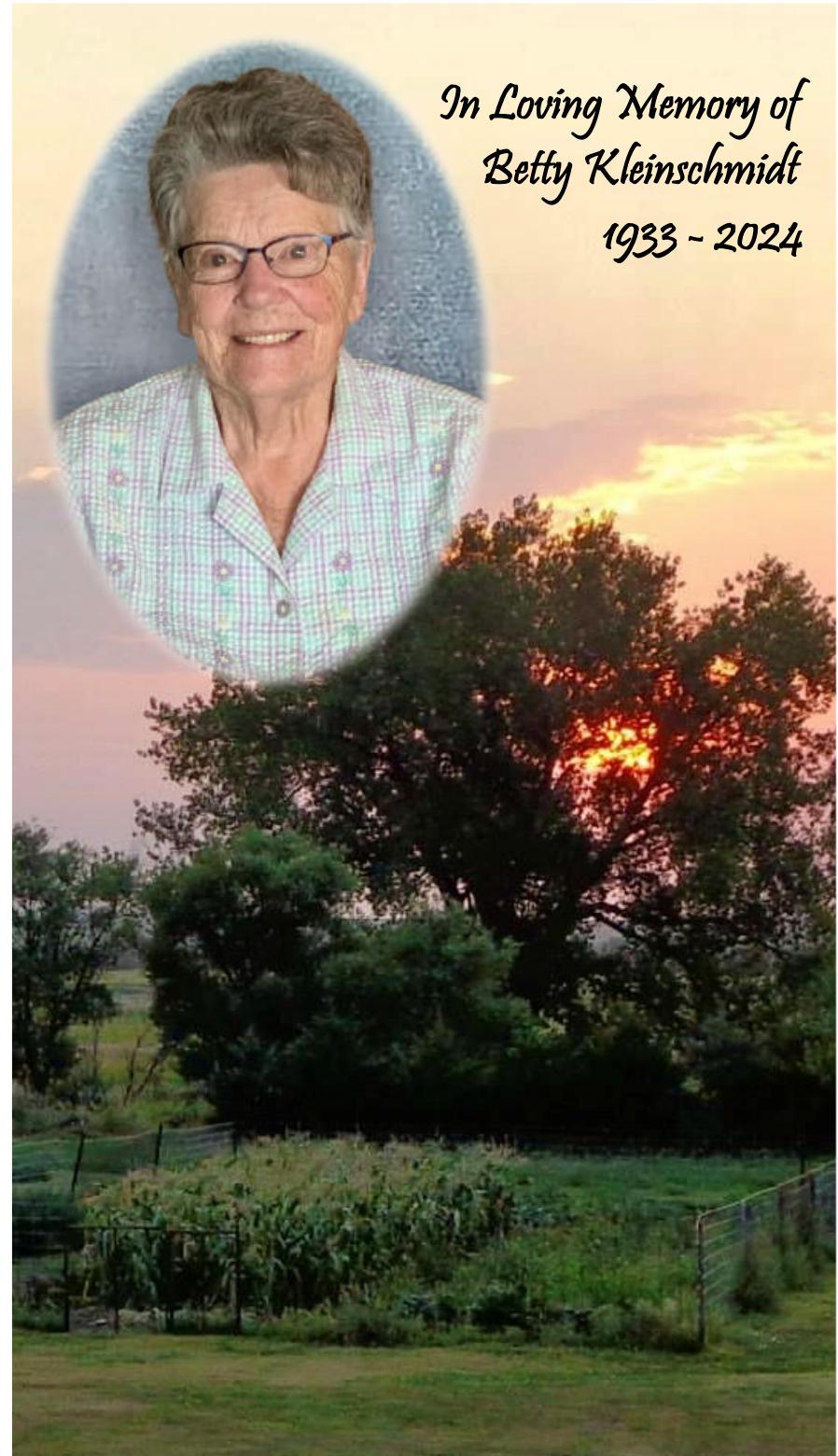


GOD looked a round the garden,
And found an empty space.
He looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face. He put
His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
for He only takes the BEST
He knew that you were weary
and he knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
be well on earth again.
He saw the roads were getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids,
Peace be Thine.



*In Loving Memory of
Betty Kleinschmidt*

1933 - 2024

Betty Kleinschmidt, 91, of Harrold, passed away Sunday, November 3, 2024, at Peaceful Pines Senior Living in Fort Pierre, with her family at her side.

Betty Lou Kleinschmidt was born Betty Vogelgesang on September 18, 1933, and was one of nine children raised on a farm near Highmore, South Dakota. She graduated high school in Highmore and married Roland Kleinschmidt on September 4, 1952, a week after his proposal and three weeks before he left for basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, during the Korean War. Betty joined Roland once he found an off-base apartment, with Roland cleverly sneaking off base at night to be with her following bed check. They shared 72 cherished years of marriage, settling on a farm south of Harrold and raising three children.

As a young child, Betty faced the challenges of polio with resilience, learning to walk again, which shaped her strong work ethic and solidified her determined nature. She was very independent and found it hard to ask for help. At her home at Pheasant Crossing, south of Harrold, she cultivated a garden full of vegetables and flowers. When she wasn't tending to the farm/ranch, she enjoyed crafting, sewing, playing cards, square dancing, and collecting rocks. Betty was talented at crocheting and created many tablecloths and doilies for her children and grandchildren. Her legendary apple pies were crafted with homegrown apples. While most of her life was spent at Pleasant Crossing, their son, Lee, would care for their place while they traveled a bit. They saw much of the continental United States, Hawaii, London, Caribbean cruise, and a trip to California and Arizona with special friends, Arnold and Dorothy Webb. Betty played an active role in managing the farm's strenuous tasks and always ensured that all of the daily chores were complete.

She was a member of the Harrold Methodist Church and the Eastern Star Rising Sun Chapter for 70 years, serving as Worthy Matron for many years and as Grand Esther in the Eastern Star Grand Family.

Her legacy continues through her husband, Roland; her children, Ginger (Mike) Johnson of Sturgis, Cindy (Johnny) Maclin of Rapid City, and Lee (Dawn) Kleinschmidt of Harrold, South Dakota; her siblings, Hazel Brauer of Andover, MN, and David Vogelgesang of Atwater, MN; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Betty will be fondly missed by her family and friends.

Betty was preceded by her parents, Robert and Ines Vogelgesang; her siblings: Leota, Mary, Ines, Joyce, Celia, and Henry; her in-laws, Ben and Marie; and two grandchildren, Jonathan and Casey.

In Loving Memory Of

Betty Kleinschmidt

September 18, 1933 - November 3, 2024

Prayer & Eastern Star Service:

6:00 p.m., Friday, November 15, 2024
Luze Funeral Home - Highmore, S.D.

Funeral Service:

10:30 a.m., Saturday, November 16, 2024
Harrold Gym - Harrold, S.D.

Minister:

Pastor Allison Galbreath

Casketbearers:

Joel Johnson - Dustin Johnson - Benson Kleinschmidt
Mike Hobert - Xavier Hobert - Chase Stahl

Honorary Casketbearers:

All Betty's Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

Music Selections:

"Amazing Grace"
"With My Eyes Fixed On Jesus"
"Rock of Ages"
"In the Garden"

Burial:

Pleasant Hill Cemetery
Blunt, South Dakota

Following the funeral service, the family warmly invites you to join them for lunch and continued fellowship.

Arrangements Entrusted To
Luz Funeral Home - Highmore, South Dakota
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