



IN OUR HEARTS

We think of you with love today
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday,
And the days before that too.
We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name,
Now all we have is memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part.
God has you in his keeping,
We have you in our hearts.

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In
Remembrance



In Loving Memory

Betty J. Compton

February 7, 1939
December 29, 2014

GRAVESIDE SERVICE:

2:00 p.m., Friday, January 2, 2015
TenSleep Cemetery – TenSleep, Wyoming



FUNERAL SERVICE:

6:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 31, 2014
Reck Funeral Home – Miller, South Dakota

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Opening Prayer:

Song: *"How Great Thou Art"* Elvis Presley

Obituary Reading:

Scripture Reading: 23rd Psalm

Song: *"I'll Leave This World Loving You"* Ricky Van Shelton

Sharing of Memories:

Song: *"The Old Rugged Cross"* Alan Jackson

Benediction:

Betty Jo Compton, 75, of Miller, went to sleep in the arms of the Lord on Monday, December 29, 2014 at the Good Samaritan Society in Miller.

She was born the 10th of 14 children to James and Elsie (Cowan) Nichols on February 7, 1939 in Buckeye, Arizona. The family traveled extensively and lived in many states. Some of her fondest memories of childhood were in the mountains of Northern California. She recalled watching the filming of a scene for the movie, "The Big Trees". Smiling, she told of the kids riding in the families mobile home with a fire lit in the wood stove for warmth while her father pulled it down the road to his next job. Memories of running barefoot and tipping over outhouses on Halloween were some of Betty's favorites.

In the late 1960's, Betty soldered circuit panels for radios. Later she worked as a flagger for road construction; a dump truck driver in Miami, Florida and at resort lodges in the mountains of North Central, Wyoming.

Betty inherited the "Nichols' gypsy blood" and continued to travel until she settled in Miller, South Dakota in 2006. She married Bert Compton on July 2, 1987 and traveled with him for his job as an iron worker. She raised six children on her own.

In her earlier years, Betty loved to dance, shoot pool, and throw darts. Later she sewed, embroidered, and baked. She always loved to fish.

Surviving include her husband, Bert Compton of Miller, SD; four daughters: Debbie (Steve) Kodada of New Ulm, MN, Gloria (Darrell) Groenendyk of Oskaloosa, Iowa, Becky (Brian) Beaner of Worthington, MN, and P.J. (Joe) Woldt of Crooks, SD; two sons: Ray (Lisa) Wilkett of Worthington, MN and Don (Melissa) Morris of St. Lawrence, SD; a step-daughter, Carrie (Casey) Hall of New Jersey; two step-sons: Greg Compton of Steal City, NE and Dale (Susan) Compton of St. Cloud, FL; 26 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; 7 sisters and brothers; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters; and four brothers.

Betty will live on in our cherished memories of her laughter and in the strength she instilled in her children.

PALLBEARERS

Rex Compton Bob Compton Joe Woldt Don Morris
David Compton Bowdry Morris Darrell Groenendyk