



Betty A. Colby

July 23, 1922 - October 27, 2021

Betty (Bliton) Halvorson Colby, age 99 died on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at the Lake Mills Care Center in Lake Mills, Iowa.

Funeral services for Betty will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, November 1, 2021 at Salem Lutheran Church, with Rev. Joel Guttormson officiating. Burial will be in Bristol Cemetery, rural Joice, IA. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be given to the Bristol Cemetery, 348 435th St. Joice, IA 50446.

Betty Ann Colby was born on July 23, 1922 in Worth County, Iowa, daughter of Newell and Anna Bliton. She was a resident in this area her entire life. She attended rural schools and graduated from Northwood High School. After her graduation, she worked as a telephone operator in Northwood for three years.

On March 12, 1944, she was united in marriage to Joe Halvorson at the home of her parents. They lived on the Halvorson farm for 45 years. When they retired, they moved to Joice where they lived for eight years. Betty was a member of the Bristol Church, Bethany Church in Joice, and after moving to Lake Mills, became a member of Salem Lutheran Church.

After Joe's death, Betty married Royden Colby in 1994 and were married until his passing in 2006. Betty also worked 22 years in the Accounting Department at Fleetguard, now Cummins. Betty enjoyed reading and going on bus trips with her friends.

Survivors include her son, Larry (Nita) Halvorson and their children, Cory (Erin) Halvorson and their daughter; Monie (Candace) Phillips and their family; and Marty (Mary) Phillips and their family; son, Jody (Pamela) Halvorson and their daughter, Jennifer (Adam) Heilman and their daughter; three stepchildren, Dr. Dennis (Becky) Colby and their family, Diane (Tom) Ruxlow and their family, and Richard (Char) Colby and their family.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Joe Halvorson and Royden Colby; as well as four brothers, Arleigh, Leonard, Eugene, and Mack; and two sisters, Lucille and Mae.

Cemetery



BRISTOL CEMETERY

rural Joice, Iowa 50446

Events



FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 AM

Salem Lutheran Church
401 South Lake Street,
Lake Mills, IA 50450
Visitation one hour
prior to the service

Tribute Wall

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Lonna Jensen

Dear Larry and Jody, I am sorry for your loss. Your mom was a neat lady ... I have thought of her and all of you so often the older I get. Sledding with you at your farm, holiday get togethers, etc. Good times. I know your mom had a full life ... and a life well lived is a beautiful thing. My condolences. Lonna Anderson Jensen


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Ruth Anderson



"Butterfly"

was given in memory of Betty A. Colby

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The Heilman Family

With deepest sympathy,



"Garden Blessing"

was purchased for the family of Betty A. Colby

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A Memorial Tree was planted for Betty A. Colby

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Mittelstadt Funeral Home
