



## Betty Roeder

July 8, 1944 - October 3, 2024

Betty Louise Roeder, a beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, and teacher, passed away peacefully on October 3, 2024 at the age of 80.

Memorial services will take place Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Schaller, Iowa. Visitation will be held from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. prior to the service at the CHURCH. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Schaller is in charge of the arrangements.

Betty was born and raised in Commerce, Texas, where her love for teaching and sharing that passion with others began. It was in Texas that she also met the love of her life, Harlan Roeder, with whom she shared a lifetime of joy and adventure. Their love took her to Schaller, Iowa, to a community she cherished her entire life.

Betty (Mrs. Roeder) devoted her entire career to teaching, touching countless lives and inspiring generations of students with her humor and love—not to mention her hundreds of glasses and thousands of outfits. Her dedication to her students went far beyond the classroom; she saw each of them as part of her extended family, nurturing them with patience, kindness, and an open heart.

Beyond the classroom, Betty was very involved in her community, participating

in the Chamber of Commerce, Non-Ame, Bosom Buddies, Red Hats, cheerleading, dance, and much more. She loved Pop Corn Days, all things Texas, RAGBRAI, Halloween, and never missed an episode of Dancing with the Stars.

Betty's greatest joy was her family. She was a proud and loving mother to her two children, Shannon and Paul, who brought immense light to her life. She also cherished her Aunt Rheba Icenhower and her sister Linda Harper, who was not only her closest confidante but also her best friend and frequent travel companion on memorable cruises around the world for more than 30 years. Wherever they went, the two were dressed alike from head to toe, sparking endless embarrassment for their children, but the adoration of everyone else.

Above all, Betty's love for her husband, Harlan, was her greatest love. Their bond was a testament to true love—a partnership that began with a blind date and turned into 50 years of good times and endless support for one another. Together, they built a life that will live on in the hearts of those who knew her. Betty leaves behind her husband, Harlan; her children, Shannon Flynn and Paul Roeder; her sister, Linda Harper; her brother-in-law, Larry Don Harper; her brother-in-law, Jim Roeder; her sister-in-law, Mary Jo Coats; her sister-in-law, Marianne Helming; nieces Leslie Harper Stonestreet and Lauren Taylor; and nephews Devin and Stuart Helming; Alex Rhodes, and so many others she loved so much.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Maurice and Evelyn “Jane” Martin; her aunt, Rheba Icenhower; her uncle, Harry Icenhower; her uncle Harold Martin; son-in-law Ross Flynn; and her brothers-in-law, Ronnie Helming and Bill Gass.

Betty will be deeply missed but forever remembered for her kind heart, her love of all things pink, and her dedication to her family, friends, and

community, as well as the warm hugs she gave to everyone she encountered.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **5**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church -- Schaller  
402 E Third  
Schaller, IA 51053

## Memorial Service

OCT **5**. 2:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Roeder*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - October 04, 2024 at 05:23 PM

CC

“ *Our thoughts and sincere sympathy to the Roeder family as you celebrate Betty's life with family and friends. The tributes truly show her value as an educator, and the capacities she served, giving her time, humor and expertise to her community. May God hold you in His hands as you heal. At present we are in California, having left September 30th, obviously unable to personally share our sympathy with Shannon, Paul and family, however we will be seeing you Harlan, and other Roeder's/Robinson's soon. Allan and Cathy Christiansen and for Steven Schaefer*

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**Cathy Christiansen** - October 08, 2024 at 05:53 PM

SW

“ I wanted to visit her services today, but felt as though it should be for her closer family and friends. I loved (Mrs. Roeder,) she’s one of the best teachers I ever had and I would go so far as to say one of the best in the country and maybe even the world. She wanted each one of her students to do well and to become good people above all else. She had a way of making everything fun and a holiday (her holiday tree stood out.) I remember her for giving us Swedish Fish and arranging lessons in a Survivor game theme (our group name was mildly inappropriate but we all thought it was funny) and it’s memorable. She not only made education fun, she made life fun, and she taught us how to be kind and respect ourselves and each other; that’s something I feel needs to be taught more now than ever. I remember her speaking about her own kids and letting us all share the Lizzie McGuire movie. I watched it over and over, she was so proud of them. She was impressed with my spelling talents and never missed a day to ask how I was feeling, I felt as safe in her classroom as I did at home. She also always had the best outfits and glasses. I’ve missed her since I’ve been out of school, but I miss her even more now. There needs to be more like her in the world and it would be a better place.

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**Sara Wiley** - October 05, 2024 at 06:14 PM

LH

Thank you! She was the best sister. We had many fun times together.

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**Linda Harper** - October 08, 2024 at 01:26 PM

KL

“ Kristin L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Roeder.

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**Kristin L.** - October 05, 2024 at 10:25 AM

MG

“ I am very grateful I was able to spend time with Betty while she was still getting up and healthy, and we talked about my achievements in NY life, her favorite subjects - fashion, just a couple summers ago.

*I parked my rental car in the back, and recognized her old home, and as I walked up to the back of the house.. I see someone is there,,, could that possibly be my Betty I have been dreaming to see again,,, ?! ... "Is that you Miho ?" ..there was that Betty's VOICE I always remembered !!!!*

*I couldn't believe I am seeing Betty after all those yrs, my dream has come true, "Oh my gosh Betty!!!!" We hugged and I cried...*

*As I always remembered her laughter from 40 yrs ago vividly for all these yrs, she will always be in my heart my dearest American mom Betty. Love you, your Japanese daughter Miho XOXO*



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**Miho Goto** - October 04, 2024 at 10:41 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - October 04, 2024 at 07:27 PM

KV

“ Kim (Wattier) Vecchi and Paul Vecchi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Roeder.

Kim (Wattier) Vecchi and Paul Vecchi - October 04, 2024 at 07:04 PM

KV

“ Kim (Wattier) Vecchi and Paul Vecchi purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Betty Roeder.



Kim (Wattier) Vecchi and Paul Vecchi - October 04, 2024 at 07:04 PM

SA

“ State Bank of Schaller & Agency planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Roeder.

State Bank of Schaller & Agency - October 04, 2024 at 10:55 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Roeder.



October 04, 2024 at 10:55 AM

LH

“ I remember walking into my very first classroom in Schaller and meeting this remarkable lady with the endearing Texas drawl. Our joint room was separated with a divider but that did not keep us apart. We talked, we planned, we shared our lives, we pranked, we laughed! Oh, did we laugh!! Betty's vibrant energy and love of life was a magnet to everyone around her.

Even though change, distance, and time took us away from one another, our bond of friendship never wavered. My "Bets" or "Betty Lou Bop" as I often called her is one-in-a-million. What a gift her friendship is to me. She will be remembered lovingly and missed greatly.

My heartfelt condolences to Harlan, Shannon, and Paul. Love and Betty hugs to each of you!

Lonni Harrison

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**Lonni Harrison** - October 04, 2024 at 09:54 AM

RF

“ Renea Kestel and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Betty Roeder.



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**Renea Kestel and Family** - October 04, 2024 at 08:37 AM

RF

“ Renea Kestel and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Roeder.

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**Renea Kestel and Family** - October 04, 2024 at 08:37 AM

DB

“ Betty was the kindest woman! She tried her best to help my son when he was struggling in school She would say "Bless his heart"..I really want to send our condolences to Harlan and the family. She will be missed greatly! Jerry and Dee Bloyer

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**Demaris Bloyer** - October 04, 2024 at 04:40 AM

JS

“ Betty was always a wonderful woman. She taught my special needs daughter, Arianna, and knew how to handle her and talk to her when she had her fits. She was always treating Arianna like she belonged and took time to help her and understand her. Arianna dearly loved her. I alway appreciated Betty. I don't think there was anyone that didn't love Betty. But I do know too if she got upset to not cross her. She'd always stop and greet people and ask how all was and that's what I admired her for the most. I guess you could say she was my idol too for that reason. My condolences go out to her family and friends. She will be missed by alot of people in the town of Schaller. God gained another beautiful angel.

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**JoAnn (Galles) Spanier** - October 04, 2024 at 01:54 AM

JB

“ Betty was a great teacher and much appreciated when my kids were in school. Also spent some time with her in Non-Ame. She had a very giving heart.

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**Jay and Julie Barlow** - October 03, 2024 at 07:43 PM

MI

“ Miho purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Betty Roeder.



Miho - October 03, 2024 at 06:32 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Roeder.



October 03, 2024 at 05:28 PM

KW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Betty’s passing. I may have never met her, had breast cancer not been a connection we had. I joined Bosom Buddies..... and new friendships were made, for me with Betty, and many other breast cancer survivors. And I always loved her many fun “pink” outfits, glasses, boots, hats and other accessories 💕 And I loved her love of life, humor, and friendship. Her stories of the places she traveled to, and her getting to go to watch Dancing With Stars ...live. Lucky gal! I hope the color pink is shining brightly in heaven too. I can not be at her funeral.... So sad for that. I would have decked out in pink for you, Betty. Sincere sympathy to your family. With love💕💕💕💕

Kim Walsh - October 03, 2024 at 03:59 PM

MS

“ Michele Sims Lucas and Mike Sims planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Roeder.

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**Michele Sims Lucas and Mike Sims** - October 03, 2024 at 03:31 PM

MS

“ Michele Sims Lucas and Mike Sims purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Betty Roeder.



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**Michele Sims Lucas and Mike Sims** - October 03, 2024 at 03:31 PM