



## Betty Jean Sippel Smith

March 29, 1932 - October 16, 2018

Betty Jean Sippel Smith, age 86, of San Antonio, Texas formerly of Early, Iowa died on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 in San Antonio, Texas.

Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, October 26, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will take place on Thursday, October 25, 2018 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with a rosary at 5:15 p.m. and a vigil service at 7:30 p.m. all at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Betty Jean Stuenkel was born March 29, 1932, in Storm Lake, Iowa, to Henry and Irene Allison Stuenkel. She attended and graduated from Hayes Consolidated School in rural Storm Lake in 1950.

Betty loved to dance, and it was at a dance at the Cobblestone Ballroom that she met her future husband, Bill Sippel, of Schaller. They were married in March 26, 1951 just before Bill was stationed in Japan with the U.S. Navy. Prior to their marriage, Betty converted to the Catholic faith, and it was a source of comfort and devotion for her throughout her life. When Bill returned from his military service, they lived in Omaha, Nebraska, and Conrad, Montana, before returning to Schaller to farm. Throughout their married life in Storm Lake, they continued to enjoy many dances at the Cobblestone, the

Schaller VFW, and other area venues.

In addition to farming, Bill and Betty had a dairy herd for many years. Betty was a hardworking partner in the farming operation, driving tractors, walking beans, milking cows and raising sheep. She had a love for horses and riding, and she was especially happy when her ewes were lambing.

When poor health forced Bill's early retirement from farming, Bill and Betty bought a home in Victoria, Texas, with hopes of spending their retirement years in a warm climate. Bill died in October 1992.

In February of 1995 Betty married Dolen Smith. They enjoyed many years of contented and loving companionship in Victoria until health issues resulted in their move to Poet's Walk nursing home in San Antonio, where Betty died on October 16.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Lois and brother Cliff, her first husband Bill, and two sons, Neal in 1980 and Larry in 1993.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Dolen Smith, sons Mark (Julie), Steven (Connie), Bill (Alyce), daughter, Lisa, daughter-in-law Susan Beckman (David), stepchildren Della (Roger) Foley, Cindy Short, Judy (Bob) Gersin, Diann (Ron) Reddout, Andy (Cindy) Smith, grandchildren Adam, Heidi, Christopher, Melissa, Jacob, Laura, Molly and Henry Sippel, Nick Sippel, Sarah Babcock, Daniel Sippel, Thomas Sippel, Chelsea Cunningham, Rachael Stegall, Justin Sippel, Jared Sippel, William Sippel JR, Mindy Thompson, Amber Konradi, Hayley Stuckenschneider. 31 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Also 11 step grandchildren and 9 step great grandchildren.. Also surviving are brothers-in-law Joe Sippel of Des Moines, Iowa, and Jerry Faber of Clear Lake, Iowa and numerous nieces and nephews.



# Previous Events

## Rosary

OCT **25**. 5:15 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
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jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

## Visitation

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## Vigil Service

OCT **25**. 7:30 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

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OCT **26**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church --Early, Iowa  
501 Church Street  
Early, IA 50535  
<http://www.nemahaweb.com/sacredheart/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Jean Sippel Smith*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - October 25, 2018 at 12:04 PM

MM

“ *Lit a candle for Betty! She was a great ,beautiful lady who loved her kids and family with everything she had!!!*



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**Macey McKenna** - October 27, 2018 at 11:13 AM

KD

“ *Remember Betty and Bill making myself and other friends always welcome in their home (late 70's early 80's). Sympathies to the family and extended family of Betty.*

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**Kevin Drey** - October 26, 2018 at 10:47 PM

KD

“ Remember how Betty and Bill always welcomed myself and other friends into their home at all times (late 70's early 80's). Sympathies to the family and extended of Betty.

*Kevin Drey*

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**Kevin Drey** - October 26, 2018 at 09:58 PM


ML

“ *Mayra Lopez lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Sippel Smith*



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**Mayra Lopez** - October 26, 2018 at 02:44 PM

 Kim Gonzalez

“ *Kim Gonzalez lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Sippel Smith*



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**Kim Gonzalez** - October 25, 2018 at 07:00 PM



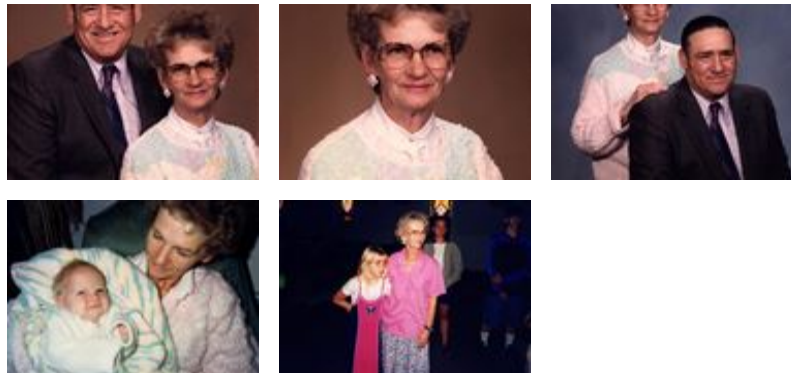
“ My Mom Betty, who really was my Mother-in-law, was an amazing lady ! Her and my Father- in -law love each other so much. She always would tell me how lucky she was to meet him that day walking in the mall in Victoria, TX. They had a wonderful love for each other. It has been said " Most people are lucky to have one great true Love in there live time " ! Well they were lucky two of had two. Our families were join and it made one big family ! I love Mom more than words can express, I was lucky to have gotten to share many special moments with her, I thank God for those now. I will see her again someday !  
I love you Mom , Your daughter -in- law  
Cindy Smith

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Cynthia Smith - October 25, 2018 at 12:56 PM



“ 240 files added to the album LifeTributes



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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 25, 2018 at 10:53 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 25, 2018 at 09:52 AM



“ Tyson Fresh Meats Maintenance lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Sippel Smith



Tyson Fresh Meats Maintenance - October 25, 2018 at 09:11 AM



“ Pat Barnett lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Sippel Smith



Pat Barnett - October 23, 2018 at 10:45 PM



“ Love to the kids, they were her special joy, as with all moms(love u Irene)



Martin Dahm - October 23, 2018 at 08:30 PM

DR

“ I will miss her gentle spirit and her kind smile. Praying for all during this time of loss.

Diann Reddout - October 23, 2018 at 12:20 PM

FO

“ Formosa Utility Operations-CWTP purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Betty Jean Sippel Smith.



Formosa Utility Operations-CWTP - October 23, 2018 at 09:46 AM

CB

“ Curt And Kathy Bauer lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Sippel Smith



Curt and Kathy Bauer - October 22, 2018 at 03:40 PM

TC

“ Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Sippel Smith



Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - October 22, 2018 at 08:24 AM

KD

*Remember how Betty and Bill always welcomed myself and other friends into their home at all times (late 70's early 80's). Sympathies to the family and extended family of Betty.*

*Kevin Drey*

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**Kevin Drey** - October 26, 2018 at 08:42 PM