



Betty L. Burnett Zimpelman

November 30, 1932 - April 23, 2019

Betty Lela Witham Burnett Zimpelman entered this world on November 30, 1932, and left this world on April 23, 2019 at eighty-six and ½ years young. She was married to Robert (Bob) Zane Burnett on May 9, 1951 until his passing on December 17, 1981.

She later married Rex Zimpelman on November 8, 1986 and remained married until her passing.

Betty had a heart of gold. She raised six kids, but she embraced all children as her own. She was a woman of grace and elegance, and loved by all.

She was an amazing cook and would feed all who hungered. It was difficult to wait for dinner at our house because everything always smelled so good. Mom almost never used a written recipe, and to watch her cook was magical. A favorite memory is mom cleaning blue gills for hours and frying up a big batch for dinner. Her grilled bar-b-que chicken was the best. Our mom was the head cook at many neighboring restaurants, which included Smitty's in Etna Green, Red Door in Bourbon, Plymouth Country Club, and the Atwood Café (yes those famous Friday fish fryswere the best). In her later years she enjoyed meeting and greeting everyone at the Mentone Grocery Mart.

Betty loved her dandelion greens and would dig them every spring and fry

them up into patties, as well as some of the best homemade dill pickles ever.

Betty always had a smile on her face, and her laugh was infectious to all around her, right up until her last day she was ornery.

Many loved our mom, she often thought of others before thinking of herself. Mom never turned away from a welcomed guest or let a stranger go hungry. Our mother was generous and giving to all. She had a great sense of humor and liked telling or hearing jokes.

Betty was a fighter and fought until her last day on earth. She referred to the others in her Nursing home as kids and would watch over all of them with a loving eye. During her nursing home years mom would get incredibly excited when someone brought her caramels and/or candy bars. Betty loved getting to take a special trip to the DQ into Bremen for an ice cream. Lunches with mom were an adventure. Mom often did not know what to order and it was not unusual for mom to say, hey what is that you are eating, I want that! She would end up eating your meal while you would end up eating whatever she was having.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband Robert Zane Burnett, daughters Pamela Sue Boyer and infant Jo Lynn Burnett, and sisters Patricia Stutzman, Beverly Johnston, and Sandy Rovenstine and brothers Ned Witham and Harry "Curly" Witham. She is survived by husband Rex Zimpelman, her children Beverley (Chip) Wallstead, Tina (Ken) Blackford, Zane Burnett, Jim (AeyRatchaya) Burnett, Kerri (Tracy) Yoder. Grandchildren, Ryan and Eric (Jen) Boyer, Judd and Jason Weirick, Scott (Jacyn) Blackford, Kendra (Joel) Laidig, Todd (Cheyenne) Blackford, Brooke (Kevin) Miller, Jacob Burnett, Ally (Clay) Christmas, Tawan Panupan, and Derek Burnett. Betty has 18 great grandchildren and a brother Rex Witham.

She also is survived by her stepchildren Randy (Elizabeth) Zimpelman, Kelly (Rusty) Nellans, Rusty (Amy) Zimpelman, Krista (David) Neace.

A Celebration of Life will take place at 12:00 pm, Saturday, May 11, 2019 at King Memorial Home 101 North Tucker Street Mentone, Indiana with Pastor Jordan Ickes officiating. A private burial will take place at Etna Green Cemetery, Etna Green, Indiana. Memorial visitation will take place prior to the service from 10 am to 12 pm, Saturday, May 11, 2019 at King Memorial Home, Mentone, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in Betty's memory to Signature Health Care of Bremen.

Cemetery Details

Etna Green Cemtery

High Street
Etna Green, IN

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

King Memorial Home
101 North Tucker Street
P.O. Box 56
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty L. Burnett Zimpelman



Hartzler Funeral Services - May 03, 2019 at 04:38 PM

CD

Truly a wonderful life with so many Family and Friends around her! Nanny

Cheryl Durand - May 04, 2019 at 09:39 PM

DG

I worked with Betty for years at the grocery store, no one could make potato soup like Betty, she will be missed by family and friends.

donna gillman - May 06, 2019 at 01:26 PM

TW

“ My fun first cousin: so many memories of good times at Grandpa Witham's house. Sharing and practicing cheers for Atwood and Mentone. I remember Betty Witham impersonating Betty Hutton. She was a wonderful entertainer. We also shared nice memories with Aunt Mary Witham Teel. Am so glad I could visit at Bremen home and we did "Ole Man Mose" together! Will miss . Tomaline Witham

Tomaline Witham - May 11, 2019 at 06:40 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Betty L. Burnett Zimpelman.*



May 10, 2019 at 12:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty L. Burnett Zimpelman.*



May 10, 2019 at 09:22 AM



“ *Donna Gillman lit a candle in memory of Betty L. Burnett Zimpelman*



donna gillman - May 06, 2019 at 01:21 PM



“ *Jennifer and Dave Price purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Betty L. Burnett Zimpelman.*



Jennifer and Dave Price - May 04, 2019 at 09:53 AM

JH

“ *What a wonderful lady. She was such a delight to visit with. She was so proud of her wonderful family. Her smile and laugh will be missed. John L. Haste*

John Haste - May 04, 2019 at 12:25 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Betty L. Burnett Zimpelman.*



May 03, 2019 at 09:41 PM

KT

“ *Dearest Bev and family,
I know how much you loved and will miss you beautiful mother.
Please know you are all in my prayers and thoughts at this time.
May God wrap his loving arms around each of you at this time for comfort.
God Bless, Kathy Tracy*

Kathy Tracy - May 03, 2019 at 08:35 PM

KT

“ *Kathy Tracy lit a candle in memory of Betty L. Burnett Zimpelman*



Kathy Tracy - May 03, 2019 at 08:31 PM



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Hartzler Funeral Services - May 03, 2019 at 03:20 PM



“ Robin Claassen lit a candle in memory of *Betty L. Burnett Zimpelman*



Robin Claassen - April 26, 2019 at 09:07 AM



“ Linda Gillman lit a candle in memory of *Betty L. Burnett Zimpelman*



Linda Gillman - April 26, 2019 at 03:38 AM