



Betty Corine Gosar

September 24, 1937 - December 13, 2016

Betty Corine Gosar was born on Sept. 24, 1937, in Decatur County, Kansas. Her mother, Wilma Jean Hampton, loved her very much and along with her grandparents, raised her through the Second World War in Warrensburg, MO. Betty learned both the value and power of education from her, as the means of developing our greatest abilities. She believed that in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone. Her father, Marion Batterton, was no less devoted to her. From him, Betty gained a love for literature and writing. He imbrued a passion for humanity and appreciation for the hard work required to achieve one's potential despite life's challenges. Together they gave her faith and reverence for God.

She is survived by her husband, Jack George Gosar, of Casper, WY and her two children, Annmarie VanMaanen, of Greeley, CO, and Matthew Scott Gosar, of Tempe, AZ. Jack loved her selflessly and she happily reciprocated as they moved together through life. He was her friend, her confidant, her sounding board, and her foundation.

Her children made her immensely proud. Their continuing dedication to the causes and ideals she cherished are present in their occupations and pursuits. Her son-in-law, Chad, and daughter-in-law, Lori, also survive her. Betty loved them both, supporting her family beyond expectation, and especially in the twilight of her years. Her grandchildren, Kenady, Quinn,

Ryne, Evan, and Lorelei, were the light of her life. Numerous nieces, nephews and their families, and many devoted friends also survive Betty. She loved them all, and she knows they loved her.

Betty graduated from high school in Oberlin, KS. She received her BA at the University of Nebraska at Kearny and her two Master's degrees at the University of Wyoming and Leslie College. She was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, Delta Kappa Gamma, Business and Professional Women, the Daughters of the American Revolution, a devoted Catholic, and a proud Democrat. An avid reader, she enjoyed participating with her local book club.

Betty was fortunate enough to share her love of learning and education professionally. For over 40 years, she was a secondary school teacher holding positions as a language arts instructor in North Platte, Laramie, and most notably at both Natrona County and Kelly Walsh High Schools in Casper. In addition to serving as department chair for many years, Betty also served on and led numerous district committees and was named as one of the outstanding educators by NCSD #1. In her career she was grateful for her exceptional students, her many colleagues and teacher friends, and mentors. She counted herself very lucky to have served the community for so long and to have helped shape so many bright minds.

Through her many years of teaching, she provided both inspiration and guidance to her students giving them insight into their own talents and appreciation for great ideas. She always wanted others to remember to believe in themselves and never to discount their ability to make a difference. Especially in these current times, she would want us all to not lose our faith in each other, our hope for our children or for our future.

A Memorial Mass, 10:30 a.m., Friday, June 2, St Patrick's Catholic Church, 400 Country Club Rd., Casper, WY.

In lieu of flowers, her family requests that donations be made to: The Betty Gosar Scholarship Fund, Delta Kappa Gamma - Beta Chapter, c/o Marie Puryear, 2620 Osprey, Casper, WY 82601.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JUN 2. 10:30 AM (MT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
400 Country Club Rd.
Casper, WY

Tribute Wall

SL

“ Dear Jack,
You and Betty were mentors for me during our many years as colleagues at Kelly Walsh. We shared stories of raising children, caring for parents and planning retirement as well as teaching students; and we share the same anniversary date. Betty’s calm and caring demeanor and the wonderful relationship you shared between you and with the rest of us is a treasured memory. I am keeping you, AnnMarie, Matt and the rest of your family in my heart.
Sincerely,
Sandy Leotta

Sandy Leotta - June 01, 2017 at 11:09 PM

JD

“ I taught at NC for 32 years while Betty was teaching at KW. The year that KW taught from NC’s building while asbestos was being removed from KW, Betty and I shared a room. She was a dear friend upon whom I could always rely. She was a gifted teacher whose students and peers loved and respected, as did I. Knowing that welcoming smile was with her everywhere lightened the load of her thousands of students as she skillfully imbued them with knowledge. In your grief, try to remember that the world has been made stronger by her presence, and who she was will live on not only through her impact on the family and close friends but also in the impact she had on her students. I will miss her warmth and the honest, intellectual discussions we had through the years.

Janet Dawson, Casper

Janet Dawson - June 01, 2017 at 09:49 AM

CF

“ So sorry for your loss. As she was a teacher at KW when I was there she was a wonderful teacher and person and will be missed by many. My prayers to the family just remember she is having Christmas with Jesus this year.

Charlene Hall Fenn - December 24, 2016 at 03:31 PM

VE

“ Dear Jack, Annemarie, and Matthew,

I am so sorry to hear of Betty's death. She was such a lovely person, and it was a pleasure to have her as one of our neighbors for so many years.

Vickie Evans and family

Vickie Evans - December 19, 2016 at 08:10 PM

LY

“ Dear Jack and family,

We are thinking of you during this difficult time.

We always looked forward to seeing Betty during your many visits to Phoenix. Getting together for dinner and lively conversation was always enjoyable. Betty was very proud of her children and grandchildren and their accomplishments.

Betty and her pleasant smile will be greatly missed.

Ellen and Larry Yakimovich

Larry Yakimovich - December 19, 2016 at 05:32 PM

LN

“ I was very sorry to hear of Betty's passing. We were in a book group together and I really appreciated her insights. Please accept my condolences and know that I will keep you in my thoughts in the coming months. Linda Nix (Casper)

Linda Nix - December 19, 2016 at 03:09 PM

AG

“ Uncle Jack, AnnMarie and Matt,

We are so sorry for your loss. We have had your mother in our prayers for these past few difficult years. We continue to pray for all of you. Loss is such a difficult, indescribable thing, I am sure you are all having a very difficult time.

We will forever be grateful for the five years we lived in Casper. My children benefited from Betty's grandma skills. Jack and Betty spoiled us and our children. I was always impressed with the attention and affection they gave each other, what a great example they were to all of us, thier family members.

I want you to know of our love and appreciation for sharing such an amazing person.

Wayne & AnnaLee Gosar

AnnaLee Gosar - December 18, 2016 at 07:58 PM

KK

“ Kari Kozak lit a candle in memory of Betty Corine Gosar



kari kozak - December 18, 2016 at 01:27 PM

KK

“ *Annemarie & family,
My sincere condolences to you. I was fortunate to meet Betty, and Annmarie shared memories of her mother's dedication as an educator. My younger brother Michael remembers Betty as an outstanding Language Arts teacher during his high school years at Kelly Walsh.*

*Sincerely,
Kari Kozak*

Kari Kozak - December 18, 2016 at 12:32 PM

MW

“ *Jack and family,
My heartfelt condolences to you all. I don't think I ever saw Betty without a smile on her face. I will never forget that. I'm proud to say I was her friend and colleague.*

Mark Wilkinson

MARK WILKINSON - December 18, 2016 at 11:33 AM

MK

“ *Jack and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Betty was a delightful person.*

*God Bless,
Leo and Mary Kozola*

Mary Kozola - December 17, 2016 at 10:09 PM

 Annie
Day

“ *Mrs. Gosar was the best teacher I ever had! I remember babysitting for Matt and Annmarie, and loved taking care of them. She was always a true lady, and I learned much from her.*

I will keep Jack, Annmarie and Matt in my prayers and hope for the best for them.

Anne Dwyer

Annie Day - December 17, 2016 at 10:07 PM

JL

“ *Dear Jack and Family,
We've just read the sad news and offer our deepest sympathy. Everyone who knew Betty loved and admired her. We can imagine the depth of your sorrow and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if there is anything we may do to ease your pain.*

*Your friends,
Jim and Donelle Lowham*

Jim and Donelle Lowham - December 17, 2016 at 03:46 PM

DH

“ *Jack, Ann Marie and Matt, our whole family was so sorry to hear this! Betty was one of the best teachers ever, and both Jenny and Craig were totally prepared for their next steps in college. Our love to you guys.*

Dana Howie

Dana Howie - December 17, 2016 at 03:06 PM

AB

“ *A wonderful and committed teacher. One of my favorites who would always support me and challenge me inside and outside of class. She inspired me and so many others to be a lifelong learner and to find joy in the discovery. I'm so sad to learn of her passing, and my heart goes out to her family.*

Adam Beaver

Adam Beaver - December 16, 2016 at 05:03 PM

MK

“ *Mrs. Gosar was a woman of quiet grace and power. She encouraged me as a writer and as a person. I am a high school English teacher now and I always try to be as gently funny and helpful to kids as Mrs. Gosar was to me, to all of us. Most days I don't do as well as she did. She was a gift.*

Mary Kettl

Mary Kettl - December 16, 2016 at 03:00 PM