



Betty Jane Zaroban

April 19, 1928 - February 21, 2012

Betty Jane Cherry was born April 19, 1928 to Orval Cherry and Adelaide Upson Cherry at their farm home outside Valentine, Nebraska, the youngest of three children. She lived on the family farm until she started high school. Her parents moved to town in 1943. Her older brother, Dick, loved to say she was "the only girl and spoiled rotten," but a hard-working farm life did not lend itself to spoiling anyone. She attended the Lincoln General School of Nursing in Lincoln, Nebraska, and gained her Registered Nurse diploma in 1949. She worked as a nurse in Hastings and Valentine, NE. Betty married Donald Gordan Zaroban on October 15, 1949 at the Methodist Church in Valentine, Nebraska. To that marriage were born 4 children: Donald William, Richard Cherry, Lawrence Gene and Jean Elizabeth. There were two defining events in her life: removal of a malignant spinal tumor in 1958, which made her a paraplegic and accepting Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior in 1964. From the first event, she was left with constant pain, and she learned to persevere, to do what had to be done. From the second, she learned that she could depend on Someone else to help her get through each day, and that there was hope for tomorrow. Betty and Don moved to Loveland, Colorado in 1998, just two weeks before his death. She moved to the Loveland Good Samaritan Village in 2001. She never lost her love of Nebraska football, remaining a Big Red fan until her death on February 21, 2012 at Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland, Colorado. Betty loved to fish, crochet, read, watch football and bake. She was well-known for her baking, especially her

cinnamon rolls. She was interested in learning new things throughout her life, including learning how to use a computer, and a Kindle for reading. In her years at Good Samaritan, she became an encouragement to many others. She was preceded in death by her brother, Dick in WWII; both parents, brother, William; and husband, Don. She is survived by Don and Bonnie Zaroban of Boise, Idaho, Richard and Lori Zaroban of Olathe, Kansas, Larry and Sherri Zaroban of Arvada, Colorado, and Jean and Jerry Hall of Loveland, Colorado; 11 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren, with 2 more on the way. Betty could say with the Apostle Paul that "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Memorial contributions may be made to Good Samaritan Society, Loveland Village or Olathe Medical Center Hospice House in Olathe, Kansas or to share a memory or send a card please send in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524. A Memorial Service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday at Good Samaritan Chapel, 2101 S. Garfield in Loveland. A Private Interment will be held at Green Mountain Cemetery in Boulder, Colorado.

Tribute Wall

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“ Betty was a great lady and enjoyed her laughs and know she is with her heavenly father. Deloa Lambert and I interviewed Betty years ago for admission to Good Sam. She was great to visit with and though didn't want to go to nursing home accepted it as gracious as she was. I will never forget her and my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Glenda Durnil, former Director of Nursing at Loveland Good Samaritan.

glenda durnil - March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jerry & Jean, We were so sorry to hear of Betty's passing. I always appreciated Betty's heart for prayer as she received the LifeSpring prayer requests for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. With love, Earl & Linda Miller

Linda Miller - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Betty was an amazing woman. We so enjoyed our years getting to know her in our Bible Study group with Jean and Jerry. I remember her once telling us she didn't really know why she was "still here". Our response to her was that she was our prayer warrior. At times when we were busy with young teens and work, she was busy praying for all of us, and keeping us lifted up to God. We in turn did the same for her, as she was much loved and much cared for. We will miss knowing that she is still here praying for all of us. Blessings to all of you, and we know Betty is now walking again with her family, friends, and Jesus in Heaven.

Pam Clifford - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM