



Betty Jean Kindvall

December 20, 1928 - April 18, 2010

"She was loved and will be missed very much." Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Betty Kindvall, passed from our arms into the loving arms of Jesus on April 18, 2010. Betty was the youngest of 12 children born to Ara and Mattie Scott in Central City, NE. Betty's mom passed away before Betty's 7th birthday so she was raised by her father, two brothers and nine older sisters! Betty married handsome Marine, Jim Kindvall on March 2, 1947 in her sister, Rosa's home in Central City, NE. Before the middle of 1948, they were relocated to Portland, Or with their three month old daughter. It was just six years and three additional daughters later that they were living in their new home on five acres in Vancouver, WA. Life for Betty became the joyful caring of their daughters, making all their clothing, canning both fruits and vegetables raised in their garden, housekeeping, brownie leadership, PTA involvement and then fulltime work for Pacific NW Bell as a telephone operator and Union Steward. She never missed a deadline, a performance, a birthday - yet her schedule was never too busy to stop and do the unexpected! After retirement, Betty and Jim renovated a house in Lincoln City, OR as a "getaway" for them to enjoy their relaxation. Every summer Betty took each grandchild for a one week stay at the beach house to simply enjoy time with them. Today those memories include lots of games, movies, bookstore visits, laughs and ice cream! She was the special kind of grandma that daughters, grandkids and strangers loved immediately. Betty had a serving heart and was always there for others. She enjoyed the people and

the service she could provide the public during the 18 years she served as a volunteer at the Information Desk of the Clark County Court House and as a Clark County Red Cross volunteer for 20 years. Betty successfully defeated breast cancer in 2000 but this time the cancer flew through her body in just four weeks time. Her family was in town to care for her and enjoy her last days. She was joking, sharing and laughing because she had confidence in her future with her Savior Jesus Christ. Betty is survived by her four daughters and spouses: Linda and Denny Zea, Janice Sands, Diana and Blaine Wanke, and Barbara Kindvall; her grandchildren and spouses: Eric Kindvall and Julie Hoffman, Shawn and Angie Long, Julie Briscoe, Leisha and Phillip Dumas, Jennifer Long and Don Westhafer, and Danielle Bishop; nine great-grandchildren; and sisters, Elsie Sims of Henderson, NV and Eunice Hastings of La Mirada, CA.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 08:23 PM

SS

“ Betty Jean was a wonderful person. We will miss her very much.

Scott and Gilda Sveslosky - April 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, as you begin dealing with the enormous sense of loss that has accompanied the death of Betty, your beloved mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and friend. I wish you the sense of peace that will eventually come knowing that Betty is in a place without pain and able to be with each of you in spirit forever.

Barbara Garran - April 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Our condolences to Aunt Betty Jean's family. She was such a sweet lady-always a smile and kind word for everyone. You will be missed "Lovely Lady."

Ron & Dee Gillham - April 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“*Janice, My sincere sympathy to you and your family in the loss of your Mother. There is no stronger bond than a Mother and child. Wishing you strength and peace in knowing that she will always be with you in Spirit and her love for you lives on as a reflection of everything you do and all that you are. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time.*

Jean Bartlett - April 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“*Julie and I want to say that we are very saddened at the passing of Betty. I feel very privileged that I was able to get to know her while I was living in the North West. She was like a second grandmother to me because I knew I could go over to her house and she would treat me like her own grandchild always. She was the closest living relative to me for many years while living in Oregon. I only wish I now had the chance to thank her for her gracious lifestyle to me and my family. She was so supportive over the years and I needed that. I can only say that Julie and I while sad at her passing are filled with hope and excitement for her new life she is now living with Jesus. Thank you to all of Betty's extended family for being an extension of her in so many ways. We are very sorry we cannot be with you in this time that Betty has passed.*

Darin and Julie Sims - April 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ES

“*My Beloved sister, I will miss our daily phone conversations. My condolences to your family.*

Elsie Sims - April 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Sincere condolences to Janice and family. Please take some measure of solace in the fact that many, many individuals have you in their thoughts. I will include your Mom in my prayers.

Donna Berry - April 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ We are all so grateful to have had Aunt Betty Jean in our lives, so full of love and fun! We will hold all of her family in prayer, that each pang of missing her brings with it a happy memory. God bless you.

Kevin, Suzey, Matt & Katie Sims - April 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Dear Family Members, our love, thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We know that words cannot convey how very sorry we are for your loss. We are happy though that we got to stop by and see Betty just a couple of weeks ago and experience her warmth and the twinkle in her eye as we sat down to visit for a while. We have fond memories of all the joyous times spent in her presence and we know that she will be forever missed. All our love, Greg and Susan.

Greg and Susan Sims - April 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ Always with a smile, she had just the right thing to say. You will be missed!

Erika Sims Tomaszewski - April 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM