



Betty Born

August 6, 1926 - August 11, 2018

Betty Lou Born, 92, passed away on Saturday, August 11, 2018, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

Betty was born August 6, 1926, on a farm in Lewis County, Missouri, the first of four daughters born to Milo Milton and Lou Ella (Kerfoot) Mitchell. The family moved a short distance when she was six years old to the small village of Maywood, where she attended and graduated from elementary school. She then attended and graduated from the nearby LaGrange, Missouri, high school in 1943.

Her first job, at age 16, was as a typist at Moorman Manufacturing Company in Quincy, Illinois, followed by six months' education at Gem City Business College in Quincy, where she attained a secretarial certificate. She was then employed as a secretary by the (then) Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad in Chicago for a few months. Upon returning to Quincy, Betty became employed as secretary to the General Manager of Radio Station WTAD and First Vice President of Sales for Lee Broadcasting, Inc.

Betty left Quincy upon her marriage to Leo W. Born, Vice President in Charge of Engineering for Lee Broadcasting, Inc., and the newlyweds subsequently settled in Topeka, Kansas. Leo predeceased her on October 25, 1989. In 2013 Betty moved to Lawrence, Kansas to be closer to family.

In Topeka, Betty was employed for 30 years by the U.S. Department of Justice, in the Office of United States Attorney for the District of Kansas. She served there for most of that time as Administrative Officer for the district. During her tenure, and at age 45, she began twelve years' attendance at Washburn University's night school, graduating in 1983 with an undergraduate degree in Business Administration.

Betty participated in various community activities through the years and will likely be best remembered for her interests in the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) organization and ERC Resource and Referral.

She is survived by three daughters: Brenda Born Findley (John) of Atlanta, Georgia; Shelley Born Diehl (Frank) of Lawrence, Kansas; and, Rev. Janna Born Larsen (Steve) of Northumberland, Pennsylvania; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; also, her sister, Rosa Lee Mitchell Foster of Quincy, Illinois. Betty was preceded in death by both parents, husband and sisters Carlene Mitchell Klarner of Moline, Illinois, and Dorothy Mitchell Moore of Scottsdale, Arizona.

A memorial service will be held at the Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 S.W. Urish Road, Topeka, Kansas. The family will receive visitors on Saturday, September 22, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. with service beginning at 3:00 p.m. Private inurnment in Mission Center Cemetery will follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to NARFE Alzheimer's Research in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Mission Center Cemetery

29th and Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 22. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Born



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - September 17, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ Betty Born

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Shelley, I was sorry to read of your mother's death. You have my sympathies. Susan Jones

Susan Jones - September 22, 2018 at 06:32 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Born.



September 22, 2018 at 10:39 AM

DD

“ My most sincere condolences are extended to the Born family. It was our honor to know Betty and we thank the family for your trust in us and partnership with us for her care. She will be missed!

Donna M. Bell, Brandon Woods Director - August 22, 2018 at 03:27 PM

EB

“ Leo and I knew Betty through the OURS Dance Club in Lawrence KS. She loved dancing and was full of life and fun! We especially remember her All About Betty birthday party several years ago at the Eldridge! It embodied her spirit of fun and twinkly eyes. Dancing was just one of the ways that she enjoyed life, inspiring many to do the same. Many of her dancing friends will miss her greatly. And send our sincere condolences to her family for their loss. Eugenia Bryan and Leo Shaw

Eugenia Bryan - August 20, 2018 at 02:41 PM

BD

“ Hi Janna and family,
I remember your Mom well from our times, Janna, in Junior High. She was always welcoming and fun. I saw her several years ago at a fundraiser and was so surprised that she remembered me. My sympathy to you all!
Becky Robb Dickinson

Becky Dickinson - August 20, 2018 at 09:28 AM

JC

“ We met Betty at couple of times over the years through Shelly and she was upbeat, funny and a lovely women. Our hearts go out to Shelley, Brenda, Janna, and family. We are thinking of you all, Jayni & Frank Carey

Jayni Carey - August 19, 2018 at 11:07 AM

PC

“ *My name is Pat Chapman I live at Brandon, Woods I always enjoyed her altho I didn't know her she was a joy to be around.*

Patricia Chapman - August 19, 2018 at 07:24 AM