



## Betty Nelson

June 10, 1916 - November 18, 2007

Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Surbaugh Nelson died on November 14, 2007 in Olathe Medical Center in Olathe, Kansas. She was born June 10, 1916 in Omaha, Neb., the daughter of Lester Clem & Madeline Bowes Surbaugh. Her family moved to Topeka in 1929 from Lincoln, Neb. Betty graduated from Topeka Capital Catholic High School in 1934, and attended Strickler's Business College & Kansas State University. She worked for the Family Therapy Dept. of the Menninger Foundation as an Administrative Secretary until she retired in 1981. She married Dean Elmo Nelson on Jan.21, 1939. He died April 4, 1968. A son, Francis Dean, July 27, 2006 and a brother, Steve Surbaugh, M.I.A., April 4, 1943, preceeded her in death. She was a member of Menninger Hilltoppers, Postal Retirees, Past Division President of National Secretaries Assn, and Past State President Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs. Survivors include a son, Jim & his wife Sharon, of Olathe, KS, a sister, Patricia & her husband, Dick Mehrwin, Alamo, TX, a brother, Ray & his wife Lois Surbaugh, Bonner Springs, KS, 3 grandchildren & 7 great-grandchildren. The family will greet friends from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS. A parish rosary will be prayed at 5 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Monday at Assumption Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Hospice or Assumption Church and sent in care of the funeral home.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Nelson*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Jim, I was very sorry to learn of the passing of your mother. Please accept my sincerest sympathies. After things settle down and when you get a chance, let me know how you are doing. With deepest sympathies on your loss, Paul Purcell. 3104 SW Staffordshire Rd., Topeka. (785)478-4761.*

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**Paul Purcell** - November 16, 2007 at 09:41 AM



“ *Jim and Sharon,  
So sorry to hear about your mother/mother-in-laws death. Please know that our prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,  
John and Carol(Fraser)Cooper*

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**Carol (Fraser) Cooper** - November 14, 2007 at 09:49 PM