



Elizabeth Jane (Betty) Hoffman

March 26, 1927 - March 16, 2021

Elizabeth Jane "Betty" Hoffman, age 93 of Glendive, Montana and formerly of Salt Lake City, Utah died peacefully on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at her daughter's home east of Glendive, just 10 days before her 94th birthday. Cremation has taken place and no local services are planned at this time. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Betty was born on March 26, 1927 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Robert James Mills and Rose Lorraine (Minnick) Mills.

Betty was the fifth child and only daughter born to her parents. She had many fond memories of being the baby sister to four big brothers who were always instructing her how to hold her own and play a good game of baseball. Somehow through all the brother training she became a beautiful little girl and loving wife and mother.

Childhood years were lived during the great depression of the 1930's, but she was always proud of her father working long hours and providing for his large family. Despite other shortages there was always plenty of love to go around. Betty attended schools in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and during her high school years she became a telephone operator. She had the interesting job of working as a telephone operator in Washington, D.C. during World War II. After her children were grown, she worked at a variety of different jobs in sales.

On July 31, 1945 Betty married her childhood sweetheart, Ben G. Hoffman, as he was preparing to leave the country for his service assignment. To their great joy the war ended before he was shipped out and they were able to begin their life together. Most of their married life was spent living, raising their children and working in Salt Lake City, Utah. The past six years they have been living in Glendive, Montana. During her long life she was always a faithful and loving wife and mother.

Betty is survived by her husband of 76 years, Ben Hoffman, a daughter, Kathy (Tom) Ree of Glendive, Montana, a son, Ben Jr. (Julie) Hoffman of Billings, Montana, a son Vince (Kris) Hoffman of Belgrade, Montana, a son Tom (Anne) Hoffman of Salt Lake City, Utah, 13 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Comments



“ Dear Uncle Ben, cousins Kathy, Ben, Vince, Tom and families,

What I remember most about Aunt Betty is the way she would look at you with her big brown eyes and wink, as if there was a little inside joke between you and her about something humorous.

Then there were her numerous trips to Sioux Falls with Cousin Tom driving her Chrysler, UTAH License Plate # DB7269.

She was always, always cheerful, constantly humorous and helpful.

Coincidentally, today March 26, 2021, would have been Aunt Betty's 94th birthday.

Cousin Doug

Doug Mills - March 26, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ Myrna Kintz lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Jane (Betty) Hoffman



Myrna Kintz - March 24, 2021 at 06:18 PM



“ What a lovely, lovely lady. She had such charm and warmth. My sincere sympathy to all of her loving family.

Carole J. Diede - March 23, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ Dear Uncle Ben, Kathy, Ben, Vince, Tom & loved ones,
My family & I send our love & thoughts to you as you celebrate Aunt Bettys' life. I count myself as one of the many who benefitted from her love; loyalty; encouragement and fun loving attitude in life. Her bright smile and help as my sister Judi and I accepted the passing of our father, Bettys big brother Bill and our mother Marians' passing was a great comfort . She will be forever remembered by. Me as a beloved aunt & mentor.
Bless you And love to you as you gather to honor her.
Cousin Cindy “ Mills” Mase

Cindy Mills Mase - March 22, 2021 at 09:51 AM



“ Katherine Galvez lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Jane (Betty) Hoffman



Katherine Galvez - March 21, 2021 at 05:09 PM



“ Cousins Kathy, Ben, Vince, Tom & Families, & of course Uncle Ben,

You all have my deepest sympathy!

Words always seem so inadequate at a time like this, as emotions and feelings can be hard to express.

Big brown eyes that always sparkled, twinkled, with a sense of hidden mischief behind them, a big smile, a warm hug, a role model, a confidant, a friend, someone I could trust. Someone who was smart, witty, always willing to share family history and stories. That was who Aunt Betty was to me. I always looked forward to seeing and being with her especially during my junior high years.

I remember as if it was yesterday, when she was in Sioux Falls she “hid” out at times at my parents’ in the kitchen, sitting at the table near the window and cupboard, which was generally the time I got to play, “Tommy Sitter.”

As cousins Judi and Cindy indicated Aunt Betty was in Sioux Falls a lot to help my dad with Grandpa and Grandma Mills’ “moving issues.” So I want to thank my first cousins for sharing their mom with me when I was growing up as I have realized how much I appreciated her being there.

Throughout the decades I always looked forward to my telephone chats with my Aunt Betty and the few opportunities I got to see her. We literally talked for hours.

To all of my cousins and their families may the pain, ache, hole in your heart and that very empty surreal feeling blossom into the joy of having known your mom, grandmother, great grandmother and aunt.

And to my “dear” Aunt Betty, may you pull the covers up over your head one last time and rest in peace.

.. “Until we meet again”... With warmest thoughts and wishes - cousin Deb Mills

Debora Mills - March 21, 2021 at 09:04 AM



“ Tim And Diane Ehman lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Jane (Betty) Hoffman



Tim and Diane Ehman - March 20, 2021 at 05:34 PM



“ Love and prayers to all the family. May your wonderful memories keep her alive in your hearts for many years to come.

Tim and Diane Ehman

Diane Ehman - March 20, 2021 at 05:32 PM



“ G'ma Betty had the most wonderful home for the last 6 years. Kathy and Tom, you were so good to her and loved her so much. The grandkids and great-great grandkids will have fond memories of her. Hugs and love to all of you.



Don and Penny Zimmerman - March 19, 2021 at 06:48 PM



“ Kathy, Tom and Families. We are thinking of you during this difficult time. I know she is rejoicing in heaven and she even has a perm to boot. May you all find comfort in God's love, and all her fun memories. I enjoyed her so much, she truly was special and I smile when I think of her. Hugs my friend Kathy!

Jacky Boje Saur - March 19, 2021 at 08:13 AM



“ Thanks for all your kindness to Mom. I think she will choose natural curl!

Kathy - March 19, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ Our thoughts are with Betty's family. We know she will be missed. Our dad John Mills thought the world of Betty, and it is clear that many others did as well.

Jeff and Robyn Mills, Rich and Lynn Mills, and Brad and Janice Mills

Robert Mills - March 18, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ We would like to let Betty's family know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Whenever our Dad, John Mills, spoke about Betty, you could tell he thought the world of her. Most of our memories of Betty were from when we were quite young, but we all thought of her as a kind and loving aunt. We know that she will be sorely missed.

Jeff and Robyn Mills, Rich and Lynn Mills and Brad and Janice Mills

Robert Mills - March 18, 2021 at 08:12 PM



“ I have many fond memories of my time with Betty. Betty was 3 years younger than me and we were good friends every since we met. My sympathy to the family. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

JoLoyce "Searles" Holmes

JoLoyce Holmes - March 18, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ Kathy, Tom and family, Justin, Mandy and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss of your Mother and grandma. My thoughts and prayers are with you all, Grace



Grace Koffler Evinrude - March 18, 2021 at 10:06 AM



“ Kathy and Family,

We have only wonderful memories of Aunt Betty--especially those times she was going back and forth from Salt Lake to Sioux Falls to help Grandma and Grandpa Mills move from house to house. We had so much fun with her and loved listening to her stories. She was always optimistic and positive with a fantastic sense of humor. It was sad to see her leave, but thanks to Grandma and Grandpa's "moving issue" we knew there was a chance she would be back at least one more time! During one of her stays in SF she attended a bridal shower for me. Her presence was a treasured gift.

Please take care and know you are in our hearts. We send deep sympathy and love-in hopes you find comfort and peace during this time. Cousin Judi and Pete



judi schuller - March 17, 2021 at 10:05 PM



“ Dear Uncle Benny, Kathy, Ben, Vince, Tom & families,

My heart goes out to you as you celebrate Auntie Bettys' life .

She was truly one of a kind... loving, loyal, always encouraging and ready to help.

She loved you all so & beamed whenever she spoke of you.

I'm forever grateful to have had her support and love when Judi & I needed it most when her brother Bill (our father) & mother Marian passed.

I think fondly of her and your family often. My family and I send our loving thoughts and prayers to you now & always. Cousin Cindy Mills Mase

Cindy Mills Mase - March 19, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ judi schuller is following this tribute.

judi schuller - March 17, 2021 at 09:30 PM



“ Kathy, Tom and family, So sorry to hear about your mom. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. Our sincere condolences. Don and Penny



Don and Penny Z - March 17, 2021 at 05:47 PM