



Betty Althan Quam

Betty Althan Quam, 95 of Ames died on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at Green Hills Health Care Center. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 19 in the Chet Ryan Mortuary, 708 Fifth Street in Nevada with Pastor David R. Burling officiating. Burial will follow in the Roland Cemetery.

Betty was born on March 16, 1918 in Roland to Eric and Amy (Gaard) Waugh. She was confirmed in the Salem Lutheran Church in Roland. Betty was a graduate of Roland High School and CCCC Business School. She was employed by the State of Iowa Conservation Commission prior to her April 11, 1941 marriage to Grant J. Quam in Glendale, CA. They moved back to the Ames area in 1945.

Betty is survived by three sons, John (Susan) Quam of Montara, CA, Jim (Susan) Quam of Sun Valley, CA, and Jerry (Linda) Quam of Fairview, TX; a daughter, Marilyn Trow of San Mateo, CA; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a brother Bill Waugh of Roland; numerous nieces and nephews. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Grant on October 27, 2007, two brothers Rich Waugh and Bud Waugh.

A memorial fund has been established in loving memory of Betty to the Music Department of Ames High School.

Chet Ryan Mortuary in Nevada has been entrusted with the care of Betty and her family.

Tributes

George Belitsos wrote on Jul 23, 2013:

"As CEO of Youth and Shelter Services, I want to thank Betty for her generosity and belief in our youth service mission. Not only did she donate for the Family Life Center campaign, but she also rented a neighboring property at \$1 per year. To Betty's family, I extend heartfelt sympathy, and my prayer that God will strengthen you and comfort you today and in the days to come."

Collin Leist wrote on Jul 22, 2013:

"I'm a long lost co-student of Jerry. I'm sorry for the loss of your Mom. I only met her and Grant once while visiting Ames to see the Avanti. We were in the "Electronics Maintenance" class of 1972. I lived in the apartment complex at 2001 1st St. in Ankeny. I saw the obituary about Grant in 2007. My father passed in 2006. My Mom passed last year. I have tried to keep an eye on our former classmates, but the only one I've stayed in close contact with is Rich Kilker. I worked most of my career in the Des Moines Bulk Mail Center U.S.P.S.. My wife Mary and I live in WDM. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Collin"

Heather & Gary Botine wrote on Jul 19, 2013:

"I never had the pleasure of meeting Betty, but in 2009 my husband and I chaired a fundraising campaign for the Ames Community Schools to purchase new band instruments that were beyond their useful life.

Betty contributed the lead gift that allowed the successful endeavor to purchase over 50 new instruments for students in elementary, middle, and high school! It also allowed the creation of an endowment, which will be used to further replace older instruments. Your family legacy will go on because of the generous hearts both Grant and Betty had for this community! We are very humbled and grateful for their kindness."

Ed Hendrickson Jr. wrote on Jul 17, 2013:

"Betty, You and Grant were very special. So many great stories and memories. We will miss you a lot."

Jean (DeYoung) Boaz wrote on Jul 17, 2013:

"For Betty's family: Betty Quam - a loving, caring lady with a wonderful sense of humor. I enjoyed joining Betty and her 'therapy group' friends for lunch during her later years. The "Therapy Group" was a close group of friends who supported and cared for each other through life's highs and lows. Together they celebrated life with laughter, love and some tears. Betty will be forever cherished with love in our hearts."

Ed Hendrickson wrote on Jul 17, 2013:

"To Betty's family, What a wonderful lady, Probably known she and Grant for 50 years or longer. We traveled on Motor Iowa for 10 years and ten thousand miles with them on Motor Iowa. Mary and I have had some wonderful experiences with Grant and Betty and their name comes up often in our conversations. My sympathies to the family. Ed Hendrickson"