



Betty Lou Daheim

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The generous and beautiful life of Betty Lou Seaberg Daheim, began February 7, 1933 in Minneapolis, MN and ended, surrounded by her loving family, April 29, 2017, in Tacoma, WA. The third daughter of Luella and Oscar Seaberg, Betty grew up during the Depression on a small dairy farm in Minnesota. Betty's childhood memories revolved around helping her mother garden, canning vegetables, sewing clothes, and reading to survive long Minnesota winters without electricity or indoor plumbing. Eventually the family "moved to town," leaving behind the farm and one room school house. Betty graduated from Robbinsdale High School, Robbinsdale, MN in 1951. Betty's precious flower gardens, famous pickles, and her love of reading, were tokens from her childhood that remained with her throughout her life. Well, that and an intense dislike for cold weather.

Betty met the love of her life, Bud (Warren) Daheim in Minneapolis, and they were married April 21, 1954. During their first year of marriage, Bud was stationed at McChord Air Force Base where the couple welcomed their first child, Theresa, and grew to love Tacoma. They returned to Minneapolis, and Bud finished Law School, began a law career, and the family welcomed Kathleen, Lisa, Martin, Margaret and Timothy. When Tim was just a few weeks old, Betty and Bud loaded the children into a station wagon, and left Minnesota behind to head west and begin a new life in Parkland. Betty's industriousness, tremendous energy, and love for children and babies, demonstrated amazing capacity of heart, organization, management and skill. Over the next few years, children Cynthia, Beth, Sarah, and Matthew joined the family.

Betty's children, who were fueled on pickles, competitive swimming, and trips to the ocean, all grew into successful, well-educated adults who are passionate about their families, devoted to their children, and contributors in their communities. These same traits, Betty's legacy, are now seen in her grandchildren as they start families,



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find careers, and build lives of love for family.

The sparkle in her eyes, the lilt in her laughter brought on by her unwavering love and devotion for Bud, is seen in every photo, and heard in every conversation. She was an avid reader, discussing books, sports, history and politics over breakfast; Betty knew details of Bud's most complicated legal arguments, kept him dressed, fed, and prepared for each day. Betty barked at Husky football games, and high-fived Bud with every Husky touchdown. She passionately followed the Sonics and college basketball, and went to weekly movies with Bud, good or bad. They always shared popcorn. Betty and Bud spent a month in Maui every winter for over 40 years. While on Maui, their daily barefoot walks on the beach made the observer feel like they were on their honeymoon. Everyone in their presence could recognize that this was true love.

For such a large family, Betty's determination and love to be surrounded by her family created a full calendar of traditions and celebrations that usually included over 35 people and four generations. It was in the center of this loving circle of family that Betty slipped from this world into the Kingdom of Heaven. We believe she was welcomed by her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, her parents, sister Shirley, little boy Martin and grandson Paul.

Betty leaves behind her loving husband of 63 years, Bud; Daughters: Theresa Boyle (Russ), Kathleen Rodgers (John), Lisa Daheim, Margaret Herd (Damon), Cynthia Stuart (Rich), Beth Dykman (Kevin), Sarah Daheim; Sons: Timothy Daheim (Sandy) and Matthew Daheim (Kristina); Sisters: Vivian and Beatrice. Grandchildren Sydney, Bethany, Ben, Charles, Sam, Adam, Joseph, Rachel, Jacob, Molly, Erin, Jonathan, Michael, Brandon, Jace, Luke, Hannah, Ruth, Peter, Nicholas, Nathan, Josh, Emily, Noah, Sophie, Micah, Eli, and Liam will miss Betty's warm embrace and constant encouragement. Betty's 11 great-grandchildren were blessed to have known her. The Mass celebrating the life of Betty Daheim will be held at Our Lady Queen of Heaven on May 27th at 2:00. A reception will follow.


In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Betty Lou Daheim Fund c/o Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, 950 Pacific Avenue, Suite 1100, Tacoma, WA 98402.




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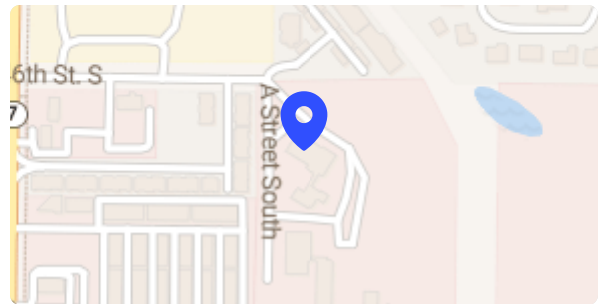
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Mass

 **Saturday**, May 27, 2017

 2:00 PM PT

 **Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church**
14601 A St. S, TACOMA WA 98444





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BW

Barb W. posted:

I was a young teenager when I met the Daheims and coming from a small quiet family I was in awe of this large, lively and loving household. But it wasn't astounding enough that they should raise nine children, but welcome all their kids' friends into their home as well. How many of us were privileged to accompany their entire entourage to Ocean Shores in the summer? How many times was an extra plate put on the table? How many summer afternoons were we welcome to stop by to enjoy the pool? Even after I left home and went to Alaska Betty remembered me with the annual Christmas letter in which she spoke with such pride about the entire family, their associated spouses and children. And she knew EVERY detail!!! I couldn't count the number of times over the years I dropped by unannounced and was always greeted with a bright smile and huge welcome. It might be months or years but the greeting never changed. The last time was just before the holidays when I dropped in and found Betty and Bud home watching a game as they often would be. I plopped down in the family room and watched along with them and visited in between plays. I'm sixty-one years old now and it is simply amazing to me that I was so blessed to have been a recipient of such grace and kindness and welcomed into their home for nearly my entire life. Like ripples on a pond Betty's love and influence was infinitely multiplied. She was simply the best. With love from Barb W.

May 27 at 5:15 AM



Anonymous sent a Healing Tears - Blue and White to the Daheim family.



May 26 at 5:41 AM

VP

Vince Pecchia posted:

I remember Mrs. Daheim and her husband ushering their children into Our Lady Queen of Heaven church in Parkland on Sunday mornings. I was always impressed with how well behaved the children were. A little bit of squirming was cut short with a gentle look from mom. I later had the pleasure of working with her daughter Beth in the Puyallup School District. Vince Pecchia

May 11 at 10:28 AM



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SA

Steve Anderson posted:

Dear Bud, please know our compassion for you and your family in these days of sadness. Steve and I have lovely memories of Betty back in our younger years, when we were struggling with three kids and she was elegantly managing with grace many more than that. She was a wonderful encourager. We pray a season of family celebration of her life with lots of laughter and tears, and many gatherings to keep her presence near. Lovingly, Sandy and Steve

May 11 at 3:10 AM

DP

Dean Peterson posted:

I'm very sorry for your loss. I wish I had an opportunity to have known Betty Daheim, a wonderful person. Her passing as well as a loss to the many who loved her suggest to me what a small world this is. I graduated from Robinsdale High School in 1957. In 1960 Bud Daheim was my legal accounting lecturer at University of Minnesota Law School. I heard many favorable mentions of Bud Daheim in the 40 plus I practiced law in the Pacific Northwest. I now realized what a rich and full family life Bud and Betty lived all these years. Again I am very sorry for your loss. Dean Peterson

May 9 at 5:04 AM

LP

Linda Palmer posted:

Sounds like Betty was an amazing lady. I only know her from working with her son Matt. I know she will be missed by many.

May 8 at 4:25 AM

KM

Karen Millet posted:

My sincere sympathies to the Danheim family. I only knew Betty through my cousin Christine - they shared letters for 72 years as penfriends. I knew her daughter Kathy for a short while until we lost touch. Kathy, I'm so sorry for the loss of your mother. What a beautiful, warm, and loving lady. May God hold her in the palm of his hand. Karen Millet (née Smith/Minnesota).

May 8 at 1:34 AM

LF

Laura Fulton posted:

I admired Betty for years for her devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. To her husband who was the love of her life, we will miss her very much. With love, Sonia Byrd

May 6 at 2:07 PM



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Beth Dykman posted:

My mom had the most beautiful smile 😊 Through every moment, good or bad, her eyes held her smile.

May 5 at 7:07 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Betty by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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