

June 28, 2011

The Life of Betty Lou Mortenson

- The funeral for Betty Lou Mortenson, 67, of Aberdeen will be 1:00 pm, Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at Carlsen Funeral Home and Crematory, 1708 8th Ave. NE. The Rev. Drew Becker from Freedom Worship Center will officiate.
- Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.
- She died Saturday, June 25, 2011 at her home.
- Betty Lou (Martin) Mortenson was born on a farm near Groton, SD on December 17, 1943 to Nels and Dorothy (Hoops) Martin, the youngest of four children. She went to Synaground country school through the eighth grade and then transferred to Groton High School where she graduated with the class of 1961 - WOW! What a class! After high school graduation, she immediately went



to work as a secretary at the Groton Bank.

- Betty married the love of her life, Ervin Mortenson on May 26, 1962 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Groton. To this love affair, two children were born; Nicholas Nels on March 29, 1963 and Thomas Ervin on August 12, 1967. On February 5, 1968, Ervin unexpectedly went to be with the Lord, which left Betty with the project of raising two baby sons. Betty went on to finish her education as a Registered Nurse, and graduated from Presentation College in May of 1981. She worked as a Nurse Assistant and then as a Registered Nurse at Avera St. Luke's Hospital from 1979 until 1998, when she became a Community Health Nurse for the State of South Dakota. She returned to Avera St. Luke's until 2007 at which time she quit most of her jobs so her grandson, Jacob, could visit for the summers from Wyoming. In her spare minutes, she had a health room in her own home. By word of mouth, many people received the benefits of her treatment table.
- Betty has been a member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church for 40 years, where she taught Sunday school and teen Bible classes, and served on different Boards throughout the years. She also regularly visited several other churches in the area, because all of her friends were strong Christians and these people and their love for Jesus were the delight of Betty's day. She loved nothing better then to hold a conversation with people who were willing to tell her what Jesus had done that day.
- She is survived by son, Tom (Julie) of Laramie, WY and her two powerhouse grandchildren, Cheri Lou Mortenson of Aberdeen and Jacob Mortenson of Laramie, WY, two brothers, Bertell (Char) Martin and John (Dodie) Martin, both of Groton, aunts, Lois Pasch and Genevieve Hoops and many nieces, nephews and all professing Jesus lovers.
- Betty is preceded in death by her parents, husband, one son, Nick and one sister, Marilyn Downum.
- The organist will be Marilyn Gibbs and the soloist is Rosalie Wylie.