

Betty Jane Geier, 89 of Bismarck died October 24, 2018 at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center. Betty was born September 8, 1929 in Jamestown, the daughter of John and Rosina (Horning) Derheim and was the youngest of 12 children. She attended school in Jamestown and was employed as a waitress at the Jamestown Cafe where one evening she met a young man named Calvin. Mutually smitten, they were united in marriage on her birthday in 1948.

They made their home near Heaton, ND where they farmed and lived until Calvin passed away on May 2, 1999. They often referred to their farmstead as “Acre Heaven” and Betty was proudest being a farm wife for 51 years. Betty was also an exceptional cook and her kuchen became a well known favorite for her family and community. In 1992 for their farm auction sale, Betty and her sister Eva baked 95 kuchen.

After her husband passed away, Betty moved to Bismarck and lived independently for 14 years. Her last 5 years at Valley View Heights Assisted Living were blessed with many new friendships and caregivers. Betty and her best friend, Bernie Fettig, were often referred to as the “Golden Girls”. Betty's cheerfulness and smile instantly brightened up the room.

Betty always made family a priority, and was a fun loving, caring wife and mother. She looked forward to hosting every holiday for her family and worked endlessly to make them perfect. Her favorite role was being a Grandma and she loved rocking and singing her grandchildren to sleep. She also had many special relationships with her nieces and nephews. Her love of photography and taking pictures was clearly seen in the tons of photos and negatives she always shared with family and friends.

Betty's favorite day of the week was Thursday, going to the salon or as she and Cal called it “Hair Day”. Additional favorite pastimes were playing Skipbo and Yahtzee. She also had many special memories going to George Strait concerts. She watched Pure Country countless times and knew every word of “I Cross My Heart”.

Betty was a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church and her faith was very important to her. She was involved in many church activities and loved taking her baked rice and raisins to fellowship events. Betty's strong faith was the foundation of her full and happy life. She touched many lives with her kindness, generosity, and positive attitude and will be forever missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her son, Tim Geier, her daughter Karen (Richard) Crawford and Janny (Bob Thotland) Geier, former daughter-in-law Diane Karlstad; her grandchildren Joshua (Jennifer) Geier, Benjamin (Heather) Crawford, Jeremy Geier, Janessa Geier, Jessica (Jeff) Peterson, Bobby Thotland; and 9 great-grandchildren.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Calvin, and 5 sisters and 6 brothers.

*In Loving Memory of*



*Betty Jane Geier*

*September 8, 1929 - October 24, 2018*



## *I Made It Home*

I just wanted to let you know that I made it home.  
Everything is so pretty here, so white, so fresh, so new. I wish  
that you could close your eyes so you could see it too.

Please try not to be sad for me. Try to understand. God is taking  
care of me...I'm in the shelter of His hands.

Here there is no sadness, and no sorrow, and no pain. Here there  
is no crying, and I'll never hurt again.

Here it is so peaceful, when all the angels sing. I really have to  
go for now...I've just got to try my wings.

PS...I'll be the first face you see when you get here!



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September 8, 1929 - Jamestown, ND  
October 24, 2018 - Bismarck, ND

### PRAYER SERVICE

Monday, October 29, 2018 - 7:00PM  
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington

### FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, October 30, 2018 - 11:00AM  
Bowdon Country Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Bowdon

### OFFICIATING

Ronda Geier-Cheatham

### MUSIC

Beverly Hanson, Organist  
Dave Seter, Soloist

### CASKET BEARERS

Joshua Geier	Ben Crawford
Jeremy Geier	Randy Eichele
Richard Crawford	Tim Geier

### BURIAL

Bowdon Country Seventh-Day Adventist Cemetery, Bowdon

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