



## Betty Marilyn Nelson

March 29, 1931 - November 19, 2024

### BETTY MARILYN (HARTKE) NELSON

was born on March 29, 1931 in Grundy Center, Iowa to the late Fred and Martha Hartke. She passed away on November 19, 2024 in Woodbridge, VA at the age of 93.

Betty graduated from Cedar Falls High School in Cedar Falls, Iowa and from the Pitzzi's School of Beauty in Waterloo, Iowa then became a beauty salon owner at a young age. After moving to Virginia, she worked at House of Jannis Fabrics, Fort Belvoir Federal Credit Union and Future Farmers of America as a seamstress. Betty was an avid knitter and crocheter, along with being skilled in tatting and other needlework.

Betty is the beloved mother of Bonnie Miller and Alice Paulson Nelson; grandmother of Timothy, Kirsten, Adam and Charles; great-grandmother of Jacob, David, Naomi, Isaiah, Seth and Brooke. She is survived by one brother Fred Hartke, Jr. and numerous nieces and nephews.

Betty is preceded in death by her first husband Norman Paulson who was the birth father of her beloved daughters Bonnie and Alice ; her son, Harold Nelson, Jr.; great-granddaughter Tabitha; sister, Dorene Faye (Hartke) Selleck; brothers Walter Frank "Frankie" Hartke and Ralph Edward Hartke.

Her second husband, Harold Nelson died in early 2025.

A graveside service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery June 4, 2025 at 11AM.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Drive  
Arlington, VA 22211

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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1 Memorial Drive  
Arlington, VA 22211

# Tribute Wall

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“ Oh Alice and Bonnie, I am so sorry to find this news. I wish I had known so I could have contacted you sooner with our condolences and our heartache for you. Oh the memories we have had and created. Betty was the "life"-the fun, the joker/trickster, the giver, the "mother", the "friend"- of every party and/or campout, oh so many things to so many people. Ah, the sadness this leaves in our hearts as we lose to this life another of our friends and people we have known and loved across the years.

Oh, the sadness and loneliness I know you feel; I wish there were words or something to help, but only: I pray God will comfort you, grant you peace and strength for your days. I will be thinking of you and really hoping that things go well for you and as you prepare and plan for a ceremony at Arlington. May God Bless you and be ever present with you.

*Debbie Lemons and Jim Lemons*

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**Deborah Lemons** - January 14, 2025 at 09:39 AM

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“ Oh how I loved this woman. I miss our at least once a month or so calls. Talking about Bridgett their cat and my family and about Alice and Charlie, they were her world. Talked about the pictures I sent her. I have really missed her calls the last year. But I can't shed a tear for her since she has passed and not suffering anymore. I believe that when God prepared a room for her he made it a double. Now she can be a mother to jr and be with him as she always wanted. she was a terrific person. I will always remember her and her love. RIP MY BELOVED AUNT BETTY



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**peggy stewart** - November 29, 2024 at 07:20 PM

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“ *Betty was a loving and caring friend. She was a light at Table 9 at our gatherings of MCV/MOAA. We will all miss her. Chuck and Susie Davis*

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**Suzanne Davis** - November 29, 2024 at 10:50 AM