



## Betty J. Hoffman

December 2, 1929 - December 9, 2020

Dateline Jasper, IN

Betty J. Hoffman, age 91, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 6:50 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at Northwood Good Samaritan Retirement Community in Jasper, IN.

Betty was born in Jasper, Indiana, on December 2, 1929, to Cletus and Amber (Dick) Knabel. She married Jim Hoffman on November 23, 1950. He preceded her in death on April 2, 1976.

Betty was a 1947 graduate of Jasper High School and received her RN degree from St. Joseph Infirmary/Nazareth School of Nursing in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1950, her BS in elementary education from St. Benedict's College in Ferdinand, Indiana, in 1970, and her MS in health and safety education from Indiana University in 1973. She taught health and safety at Jasper High School and served as school nurse for Greater Jasper schools for 32 years.

Before her career in education, Betty worked at Stork Memorial Hospital in Huntingburg, Indiana, and Memorial Hospital in Jasper and as an office nurse for Dr. George A. Held. Betty was a certified EMT and a CPR instructor. She also was a Red Cross First Aid instructor.

Betty was the founder of the HOSA-Health Occupations Students of America-program in Dubois County schools. HOSA serves students from the four area high schools who are interested in pursuing careers in health related fields.

She was active in local politics and served with the Easter Seal Society, Indiana Association of School Nurses, Dubois County Mental Health Association, Indiana Vocational Cooperative and the Jasper Business and Professional Women's Club.

Betty enjoyed painting and ceramics and taught an adult craft class at the Habig Community Center. She was also a home health nurse.

Betty was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana.

Surviving are three daughters, Cindy (Tom) Seger, Jasper, Kathy (Sara) Hoffman, Ada, Michigan, Missy (Bob) Brusie, Wellington, Florida, 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three brothers, Jim Knabel, Venice, Florida, Joe Knabel, Alva, Florida and Charles Knabel, San Antonio, Texas.

Preceding her in death besides her husband are one son, Tim Hoffman, who died in 2010, and two brothers, Bob Knabel and Ken Knabel.

A private family Mass of Christian burial will be held at a later date with burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery

Due to the pandemic, there will be no visitation.

Memorial contributions may be made to Jasper Memorial Hospital, The American Red Cross or Dubois County Humane Society.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty J. Hoffman*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy your Aunt Betty at one time rest in peace may God be with you Sean*

**Shawn** - December 18, 2020 at 01:48 PM



“ *Prayers & peace to the family of Betty Hoffman. She was the best school nurse at 10th St. She always went the extra mile for you! I also visited her at her home. I really enjoyed her crafting. She will be missed, not only by me, but all that knew her! GOD'S SPEED SPECIAL ANGEL!*



**Linda Stout** - December 15, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ *Cindy, Kelly, Missy*

*So very sorry for your loss. Your mom was a wonderful person. Remember her as the school nurse at Tenth Street. Always caring and sweet. Beautiful smile.*

*Love,*

*Shelley Otto*

**Shelley Otto** - December 13, 2020 at 06:47 PM

NB

“ Cindy, Kathy, Missy and the entire family: what a celebration in the heavens with the newest angel to join...Betty was such a wonderful lady, a friend to so many, a kind and generous heart, a great mom. So many fond memories of growing up with “momma Betty” watching over us. She has left such a void in your hearts but she is now reunited with many loved ones above. And she will continue to watch over each of you...rest in peace, dear Momma Betty...❤️

*With love, Nan Klueh Byrd*

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**Nan Byrd** - December 12, 2020 at 08:47 AM

SP

*Betty I heard you were passed on remember you and you were married to my Uncle Frank may you rest in peace*

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**Shawn Potter** - December 12, 2020 at 03:29 PM

KS

“ *Betty was a true friend to my mother while she was alive, always smiling and laughing. She will be missed by many*

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**Kelly Stamper** - December 12, 2020 at 06:52 AM

DW

“ *Such a sweet, beautiful soul. I was blessed to have known her. My condolences to the family. May many happy memories sustain you.*

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**Debbie Wilson** - December 12, 2020 at 05:35 AM

JW

“ Our sympathy to the Hoffman girls. We have known Betty since 1970!! What a fun lady. I remember going out for a cigarette and drink after school - she was always ready for a good time. She was also there when I needed a shoulder to lean on. Your Mother had a very full life and will be greatly missed. Cindy, you have taken such great care of her! God bless you all. Jane and Bud Witte

Jane & Bud Witte - December 11, 2020 at 09:49 PM

 Krystal Tinkle

“ Heart of gold and nothing less. She was such a joy to be around. Many laughs were shared between us. So sorry for your loss. My love and prayers go out to the family!  
-Krystal Tinkle

Krystal Tinkle - December 11, 2020 at 09:11 PM

JS

“ Sorry for your loss. I was a really good friend of Betty. I would always go back to room and talk with her. Every time I went back to her room, she would ask me if I wanted any jelly beans or pretzels. She was a very special lady to me. Prayers go out to you and your family. She will be missed by everybody.



Jane Schroeder - December 11, 2020 at 05:25 PM

SW

Oh my sweetheart Betty it was a honor to be your care giver over the years. We had alot of laughs. You had a great personality you tried to get me to hitch hike to texas we never did get to dang covid! Look over us all and pray for covid to become history! Thoughts and prayers to your sweet girls and their families during this difficult time. Hope heaven has jelly beans and mcdonalds coffees!

Sarah wyland - December 12, 2020 at 04:48 PM

KS

“ Betty, may we offer a prayer and a kiss for you. You taught us many virtues over the years as a lovely friend and neighbor including strength, wisdom and grace. I remember you often as "my savior" when I was a young student and, as our school nurse, you would let me go home early when I was feeling down. I thank you for your wonderful children - precious friends during our tender years on MacArthur Street. May you now rest in God's loving arms and find comfort in seeing your friends and family in Heaven. Thank you for being the strong, inspirational and caring teacher and friend in my life. May God bless you and your Family. Kim J Sermersheim

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**Kim J Sermersheim** - December 11, 2020 at 03:47 PM

RH

“ So very sorry for your loss especially during this difficult time. She was a lovely lady and she will be missed. I especially enjoyed visiting with her at the nursing home where she spoke often about her grandchildren and their pictures with President Trump. May you find comfort believing that she is now with the Lord and the loved ones who have gone before her. God Bless all of you!

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**Rosalie Hartwick** - December 11, 2020 at 01:54 PM

TJ

“ I remember her being the nurse at tenth street school, ad I know Cindy I used to deliver both of your dry cleaning from sunset, Tanya. She will be missed my deepest sympathy. Take care and stay safe all.

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**tanya jacques** - December 11, 2020 at 12:28 PM

TR

“ We had a cabin just down the road from her at Patoka Lake. As a kid, I would go down to her place and do crafts with her through the summers. She taught me how to make depression dolls. She was so kind!

-Tamra (Potter) Ristimaki

Tamra (Potter) Ristimaki - December 11, 2020 at 12:22 PM

LD

“ She was a beautiful soul. Deepest sympathy. The Zach/Lisa Durcholz and Jim/Sue Potter families

LISA DURCHOLZ - December 11, 2020 at 11:39 AM

MN

“ A life truly well lived. Condolences to the family.

Marty Newman - December 11, 2020 at 11:15 AM

JH

“ Rest in Peace Betty, you deserve the best of Eternity ! So Blessed to have shared your life hear on earth with you !

John & Mary Carolyn Hopf

John & Mary Carolyn Hopf - December 11, 2020 at 11:13 AM



Christine  
Seger  
Rue

“ Betty was a wonderful neighbor and friend...Loved and missed by so many! I will keep all of her loved ones in my thoughts and prayers.



Christine Seger Rue - December 11, 2020 at 10:55 AM

TM

“ I have known Betty for most of my life, when I was an elementary student, and when I returned to Jasper as a doctor. She was one of the most incredible people I have ever met. The world is diminished by her passing. I hope that all of her daughters find peace, in knowing she was so amazing and will be missed by so many.  
Terry R Brown, MD

Terry R Brown, MD - December 11, 2020 at 10:06 AM

DL

“ I remember her from High School. RIP!!!



Donna Linette - December 11, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ Shaun Witte lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Hoffman



Shaun Witte - December 11, 2020 at 01:52 AM



“ Cindy, Kathy & Missy I'm sorry for your loss. I loved her dearly...we have some great memories



Shaun Witte - December 11, 2020 at 01:51 AM

CN

“ Thanks to Betty, I had the privilege to participate in HOSA program. I was only one of two students from NE Dubois. She was a beautiful human! She was encouraging and helped me in my decision to pursue a career in Healthcare. A few years ago she sent me a plate with my favorite poem “Don’t Quit”! I will cherish it and her letter always! She will always have a special place in my heart ❤️

Cheryl Welp, RN, MSN, HFA, NE-BC - December 10, 2020 at 10:06 PM



Oh the great memories we made in HOSA, with Betty, leading the way!

Shaun Witte - December 11, 2020 at 01:05 AM

CM

“ Betty was a very special person. I loved visiting with her when she came for 'crumpets and tea' at my home on Leslie Drive. We always had cookies or a roll with our tea until one day at Christmas she found crumpets in a catalogue. She came in with her big grin and said I brought you a gift. She looked mischievous as usual, so I didn't know what to expect. When I opened it we both laughed out loud. I said "Where did you find these?" She said a catalogue. Open and let's see what they taste like. They were horrible and we laughed really hard and decided we would stick with cookies with our tea. Betty was always so much fun. And Missy, she always talked about the Cavaliers you use to raise. We had a gorgeous Tri. We got him from Cavalier Rescue when he was six years old on New Years Day and we had to put him down the Monday before Christmas last year. And I lost a son, too, on New Years Eve, 2010 at work. It was very quick and unexpected. Tunnelling of the Coronary Artery . He was 48. You all have my sympathy. Heaven gained a special lady who is probably spreading joy everywhere. Carol Mehringer



Carol Mehringer - December 10, 2020 at 08:25 PM



“ *Working with Betty at Jasper High School is a special memory for me. She was an awesome nurse who loved the kids. She was a counselor, friend and a true advocate for the HOSA program.* ”

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**Jeff Jessee** - December 10, 2020 at 06:03 PM