



Elizabeth Alsburg

February 14, 1931 - November 8, 2008

Elizabeth Ann Grogan Van Alsburg (Betty) went to rest with the Lord on Saturday November 8 after struggling with Alzheimer's for years. Her family is comforted she is released and free. Betty was born on February 14, 1931 in Chicago, Illinois to Willard and Marguerite Grogan. While she was young her family moved to Hinsdale, Illinois where Betty graduated from Hinsdale Central High School. She spent one year at Barry College with the nuns before transferring sight unseen to Michigan State University. She joined the Delta Gamma sorority while there and graduated with a Home Economics degree in 1953. At MSU she met her husband of 55 years, Spence Van Alsburg, while on a blind date. The two got married shortly after Betty graduated, in September 1953. Spence left for Korea after the wedding and Betty stayed in Hinsdale working as a secretary for a law firm in Chicago. When Spence returned they moved extensively, living in New Jersey, Venezuela, Brazil, New Mexico before settling back in Hinsdale (1967) to raise their 5 children and start a business. Betty was instrumental in running the office and accounting side of the family's construction business and actively helped move the corporate offices to Colorado in 1982. Betty worked in the business for 10 more years and then retired to pursue other interests, such as traveling. Betty and Spence traveled all over the world but found they returned most often to South Africa, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. Betty loved her family unconditionally and will always be remembered for cooking big family meals in order to get us all together. Betty is survived by her husband, Spence; 5 children, Scott (Susan) Van Alsburg, Steve (Jaima) Van Alsburg, Geoff (Patricia) Van Alsburg, Lisa (Jim) Clay, and Tom (Val) Van Alsburg; 15 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; her two brothers, Bob (Anne) Grogan, and Bill (Rusti) Grogan; and her brother-in-law Cecil (Shari) Van Alsburg. A wake and recitation of the rosary will be held Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. and Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Wednesday, November 12 at 1:00 p.m. both at St. Joseph Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Food Bank for Larimer County, c/o Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Drive, Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

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November 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



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We would like to send our condolences to the husband and family of Betty Van Alsburg.

Donata & Jeff Shaw - November 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



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To Spence, Tom, and the entire Van Alsburg family. I am so sorry for your loss. I know Betty was a beautiful part of your family and will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

Tawnya Yurt (Porter) and Family

Tawnya Yurt - November 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



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Susan,
My condolences to you, your father and your family. May your mother's soul rest in peace with the Lord.
Maureen

Maureen McCaffrey - November 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



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To All of Betty's family: We send our deepest sympathy. She was a remarkable and strong woman. She has left an impression with all of those whose life she touched. I know she will be greatly missed.

Deb & Pat Pidcock - November 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Your In Are Prays.
Mary,Chip

Mary Beth,Chip Scull - November 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Lisa and Family,

For the past three months, my mother (Joanna) and sometime myself had the pleasure of dinning with Betty. Betty would almost always greet us with a smile, nod or occassional word or two.

Betty took particular interest and concern when my mother had difficulty swallowing and would extend her hand to my mother. Her compassion for those suffering was always evident.

Betty's face always brightened when her husband, Lisa or her son joined her for brunch. This family's bond knew no boundaries and it was obvious to me that their love for each other will be endless as time.

May the lord bless your hearts.

Linda Coxen - November 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Spence and Family, I received a note from Betty Boyd telling me about Betty. I am so sorry and I know you and your family will really miss her. So, how do you say goodbye to someone you love? You don't. You simply say thanks for the wonderful memories, thanks for the privilege of sharing your life, and thanks for the profound and meaningful lessons you taught by the kind of person you were.

Marty has been gone 14 years and I still think about our college days and you both serving in Korea.

Stop to see me either in Michigan or Florida. We missed you at the reunion in Santa Fe.

Peggy Batterson Sherman - November 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM