



Beatrice "Bea" Marie Murphy

June 30, 1928 - January 2, 2017

Beatrice "Bea" Marie Murphy, age 88, of Melrose, passed away on Monday, January 2, 2017, at West Ridge Specialty Care in Knoxville, Iowa.

Bea was born on June 30, 1928, in Dallas, Iowa to Lee and Hildred Breese. She married Gerald Mart and became stepmother to Albert, Margaret, Lloyd, and Gordon. Living north of Dallas, Bea and Gerald became parents of Linda, Dannie, Dennie, Michael, Rick, and Gary. Dannie and Dennie passed away in infancy. Bea then married Brandon Repp and lived in Chariton. She later married Jack Murphy at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose and to this union, one son, Shawn, was born. Jack and Bea lived in Chariton, Melrose, and Knoxville.

Grandma Bea loved family get-togethers, square dancing, shopping, fishing and hunting mushrooms. She was a farm wife, a nurses' aide, factory worker, and café and grocery store owner. She said a prayer for each of her children every night.

Bea is survived by her sons, Shawn (Jana) Murphy of Melrose, Gary Mart of Des Moines; Rick Mart of Des Moines and Michael Mart of Melrose; a daughter, Linda (John) Johnson of Indianola; a sister, Dorothe (Keith) Stull; 14 grandchildren plus great and great-great grandchildren.

Bea was preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Hildred; her spouses, Gerald Mart, Brandon Repp, and Jack Murphy; 2 brothers, David Breese and Don Breese; and 2 sisters, Margaret Breese and Violet Reynolds.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 5, 2017 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, with Father Mark Yates C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will follow services at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Melrose.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, with Bea's family present from 6 to 8 p.m. A 7:00 p.m. rosary will be led by St. Patrick's Altar and Rosary Society and a wake service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

A memorial has been established to Alzheimer's Association of Iowa.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
200 Trinity Ave,
Melrose, IA

Rosary

JAN 4. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Wake Service

JAN 4. 7:30 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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200 Trinity Ave,
Melrose, IA

Tribute Wall



“ Beatrice "Bea" Marie Murphy

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ Beatrice "Bea" Marie Murphy

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ Janine Lenger-Gvist

I am very sorry to learn of Beatrice's passing. My deepest condolences are extended to her family. Bea was a very loving and generous person. What I loved most about her was her "wild side". She was not always politically correct and better yet, did not care. I had many wonderful times with Jack and Bea while courting their son, Gary. She was loved by many and will be sorely missed. Rest in Peace my dear friend! You are now joined in Heaven with those precious twins!!

Janine Lenger-Gvist - January 19, 2017 at 03:21 AM



“ Joanne Taylor lit a candle in memory of Beatrice "Bea" Marie Murphy



Joanne Taylor - January 05, 2017 at 12:00 PM

AM

“ Not sure how old I was in this pic, I'm 22 years old now, but I know my Grandmother loved me. R.I.P Grandma Bea love Amy Mart (Mississippi).



Amy Marie Mart - January 04, 2017 at 08:58 PM

LM

“ I dearly Loved Mama Bea . She was the best Mother N Law anyone could have . I will never forget the times we spent together . The last time she came to Mississippi she told me she knew that it would be her last trip . Mama Bea I Love you . You will always be in my heart .

Loretta Mart - January 04, 2017 at 08:10 PM

JL

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MM

“ *Marilyn McMillen lit a candle in memory of Beatrice "Bea" Marie Murphy*



Marilyn McMillen - January 04, 2017 at 12:57 PM

MM

So sorry Linda, Mike, Rick & the rest of Bea's family. Knew Bea when I was younger, when she lived in Dallas. She had Stanley Parties for my mom. Prayers for all of you. Kelly & Marilyn McMillen

Marilyn McMillen - January 04, 2017 at 12:59 PM

CB

“ *Our sincere condolences and prayers for all of you and your families. The David Breese Family*

Cheryl Breese - January 04, 2017 at 12:45 PM