



Betty Joan Mahlke

February 3, 1930 - September 9, 2019

Betty Joan Mahlke , age 89, was greeted in the arms of Jesus on September 9, 2019. Betty was born on February 3, 1930 to Charles Francis Osborn and Elizabeth Ellen (Howard) Osborn in Jonesboro, Indiana. She married Ralph Lee Mahlke on December 1, 1950

and was blessed with two children, David Mahlke and Linda Putrah.

Betty had always worked as a secretary, but had a great desire to be a beautician. After attending Cosmetology school in 1966, she was so happy to open her own salon. Betty found her calling with this profession and found much joy in helping others look their best. Even after retirement, she continued to do this on the side for her friends and family.

In 1975, Betty and Ralph decided to become snowbirds, first trying Florida for two winters and then Tucson, Arizona. They fell in love with Tucson, and decided to purchase a place in 1979, splitting their time between Indiana and Tucson. In 1987 they sold their home in Indiana to live full time in Tucson. In the summer months they visited family and friends in Indiana and Minnesota

Betty enjoyed spending her time dancing with Ralph, singing, entertaining, reading, taking long walks, hiking, camping at National Parks, and traveling world-wide. She loved laughing with friends and family, finding so much joy in

spending time with both. Her biggest joy in the last 7 years was spending time with her great-grandchildren.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Elizabeth Osborn, sister Barbara, and baby brother Edward. She is survived by her husband Ralph Mahlke, her son Dave (Susie) Mahlke, daughter Linda (Dale) Putrah; grandchildren Travis (Erin) Putrah, Kristin (Wayne) Carlson, Danielle Mahlke; and great-grandchildren Lillian Putrah, Micah Putrah and Blake Carlson; siblings, Jim Osborn, Pam (Karl) Kendall, Pat (Bill) Travis, and Charlie (RuthAnn) Osborn, and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, September 14 at 10:30 a.m. in the Event Center at Highview Hills Senior Living with visitation at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers family prefers memorials to: Parkinson's Foundation.www.parkinson.org/

Tribute Wall

ME

“ Although I knew Betty for only a little while and at a difficult time it was a blessing to visit with her. She shared memories of her family, Indiana, Tuscon and dancing. It was a joy to see her smile and hear her laughter. God bless the family with peace and comfort during this time of grief. May their memories of her bring joy now and throughout their lives.

Melissa - September 17, 2019 at 01:31 PM

CW

“ Betty, I so loved and enjoyed your friendship. Comfort and blessings to your family now that you are no longer with them. Thanks for the memories. :-)

Caroline Wilde - September 13, 2019 at 01:08 AM

KE

“ In fondest memory of my sweet, precious Aunt Betty. My mind is so full of so many great moments: laughing at her sharp wit sharing her smart, if ever so slightly ornery perspectives, in awe of her and uncle Ralph sashaying and do-si-doing (I think I got that right) across the square dancing floor, and mesmerized watching her ply her beautician trade, transforming housewives of the 70's into runway models (or nearly so). My heart is so full of images of her love for her family and mine for her wonderful spirit and determination. A devoted wife, a strong and supportive mother, and a pretty darned special aunt. Love you and will miss you. Ken and Linda Mahlke

Ken - September 12, 2019 at 09:45 AM