



Mrs. Betty Missett Gale

September 17, 1942 - February 10, 2013

Betty Lee Missett Gale passed away on Sunday, February 10, 2013 at the Agape Hospice in Calgary, Alberta after a battle with cancer.

Betty is survived by her devoted husband, Brett Gale, beloved children, Samantha Mutzeneek (Lee), Melanie Gale (Frank), Joshua Coles; and her adored grandchildren Kara, Megan, Jenna and Taye; her very close sisters, Paulette Schulte (Fred), Linda Findlay (John) and Vivian Bietz (Mory); cherished special nieces and nephews: Margo, Jill, Scott, Peter, Janelle and Cara and their spouses and children; special sister-in-law Mary Lynne Ferguson (John), brother-in-law Pat (Joni) a well-loved extended family, and many treasured friends.

Betty was born in Cardston, Alberta in 1942, grew up and graduated High School in High River, Alberta and then moved to Calgary where she graduated from the University of Calgary with a degree in Education and taught for the Calgary Board of Education for 36 years. Betty was a teacher librarian in math and English as a Second Language. Betty loved children and music, and she cherished books, especially children's books, and was often gifting one child or another with a special book of their own.

Betty was a member of the Parks Foundation, Calgary Board for 11 years and Chaired the Board from 1996 to 1997.

Betty was also one of the first women in Canada to receive her hot air balloon pilot's license. She was a lively and integral member of the Calgary Balloon Club, serving on both the executive and Board of Governors.

Betty and her husband Brett enjoyed skiing, golfing, and travelling to exotic places, including Rwanda, Machu Picchu, Petra and Egypt.

A celebration of Betty's life will be held Saturday, March 2 at 2 PM at the Southwood United Church, 10690 Elbow Drive S.W., Calgary.

No flowers please. Donations can be made in Betty's honor to The Salvation Army Agape Hospice in Calgary (<http://www.agapehospice.ca>), Parks Foundation, Calgary (<http://www.parksfdn.com>), or The Canadian Cancer Society (<http://www.cancer.ca>). Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 2. 2:00 PM (MT)

Southwood United Church
10690 Elbow Drive SW
Calgary, AB T2W 1G4 (CA)

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Our paths crossed briefly in the Calgary Balloon Club but my fondest memories of Betty are of her adventurous spirit, how helpful she was to so many, and that she always looked glamorous no matter how early the flights were in the morning. Loving memories of you will live on in the hearts of many. With deepest condolences to the family*
Deborah Bortscher

Deborah Bortscher - March 03, 2013 at 08:12 PM

KF

Brett, I am so very sorry to hear about Betty. I only met her once when the two of you were walking down our cul de sac and my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Karri Ferguson - 40 Bridle Estates Place

Karri Ferguson - March 04, 2013 at 12:50 PM

SD

“ *Brett*

Our deepest sympathies to you and the family. I had often thought about you two after we moved. She was such a wonderful person and will be dearly missed.
Alan and Sylvia Day

Sylvia Day - March 02, 2013 at 07:32 PM

MC

“ My deepest sympathy at the loss of such a beautiful women, wife and mother. Your wonderful GrandParents Paul & Edna Bietz were the kindest couple in Hitgh River. They were always involved in the community with such caritable giving & holding special parties for all our young people. My foster daughter was always included in all the goings on of that day and age. The memories of dear Betty always with a smile & hug for me & all the people of High River where she grew up and loved to come home. Take care and hold the memories of her in your heart.

*Fondest Regards,
Mary Campbell*

Mary Campbel - February 28, 2013 at 03:39 PM

SA

“ Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to write a message about Betty. Your love and kind words mean the world to our family. To those of you who can join us on Saturday, I look forward to seeing you and hearing your stories. To those who are unable to join us, we appreciate your thoughts. Betty was an amazing person and I am so grateful that I was able to share my life with her.

Samantha - February 28, 2013 at 12:07 PM

JH

“ Whenever we had the opportunity to spend time with Betty, we enjoyed her "big" smile and sunny disposition. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you, Brett.

Jim and Glenda Hilsenteger

Jim Hilsenteger - February 22, 2013 at 09:51 AM

JG

“ To Betty

Although our paths crossed several times throughout our lives, the odd shared birthday party, weddings, and funerals, the fondest memory i have is from long ago. We are seated side by side in the one room school house in Jefferson Alberta. You are teaching me my numbers. We are five years old.

RIP

Joseph Gibbons

Joseph Gibbons - February 22, 2013 at 09:17 AM

JG

“ *Father, thank You that in the darkest seasons of life, You will never abandon us. Guide us with Your never-failing presence through both the welcome and unwelcome changes of life. In Jesus’ name, amen.*

Betty's life had many seasons of joy, peace, fun, children (her special loves), and the deepest love and respect of her family and freinds. She had a special quality that a lot of people do not have. Betty knew how to enjoy life. She lived life to the fullest and I am sure had no regrets. She was a blessing to all of us and to so many that we don't even know about. I thank God for Betty and for taking care of her now in His wonderful Kingdom where there is no sickness, no pain.

"Our parting is not the end of our relationship, only an interruption. We have not lost them, because we know where they are. They are experiencing the joy of Christ's presence in a place that Christ called Paradise. And one day as promised, a magnificent reunion."

Dear brother and brother in law, Brett. We love you and hold you close in our hearts and in our thoughts.

We continue to pray for peace and courage.

Love you lots,

Pat and Joni

joni gale - February 20, 2013 at 10:17 AM

SL

“ *Our deepest sympathy goes out to Brett and family, It was always a pleasure to deal with Betty, and we are saddened by the news of her passing.*

The management and staff at Sabre Automotive

Sabre Automotive Ltd. - February 19, 2013 at 04:32 PM

LC

“ *Brett, Sam and Mel and all the family my thoughts and prayers are with you. Thank you for providing a lovely photo of Betty's smiling face. It is how I remember her. Sincerely Linda Cameron*

Linda Cameron - February 19, 2013 at 09:10 AM

DG

“ *Our thoughts are with the family during this difficult time; Betty touched so many hearts and left so many great memories. She will be missed. - the Henderson family*

Deb Gross - February 19, 2013 at 07:33 AM

RM

“ *Brett & family ; My deepest sympathy, we'll miss her smiling face at the Highwood and her passion for the game. If i can help in any way please call.
Rod McLachlan*

rod mclachlan - February 18, 2013 at 06:50 PM

SM

“ *Brett, Samantha, Lee, Kara, Megan and Jenna*

Betty has taken a pathway that has no end. We follow a pathway that has no end as we travel through life day by day. Together with those who are so dear to our hearts and are there by our side, Kara, Megan and Jenna, you will always have memories of your special times with Grandpa Grandpa and Grandma Betty Gale. But a time comes when a loved one must travel ahead for reasons that are not always clear and we are left behind to continue along missing a beautiful person, Grandma Betty. And while it may seem that the pathway has stopped, it merely has rounded a bend. Our love for Betty gives us comfort knowing she has gone to a brighter place down the pathway that has no end.

Sincerely Leonard and Shirley Mutzeneek

Shirley Mutzeneek - February 17, 2013 at 12:45 PM

EW

“ *To Betty's family, my thoughts and prayers are with you as you cope with this monumental loss.*

I had the pleasure of working with Betty at Catherine Nicholls Gunn school about twenty years ago. She had limitless love, energy, and enthusiasm for the children and the profession. Betty also had a great sense of humour and a wealth of unique expressions, my favourite being,

" He doesn't know if it's Tuesday or Page Four!"

God bless, Ellie Westbury

Ellie Westbury - February 16, 2013 at 05:06 PM

EL

“ To all of Betty's family,
We were saddened to learn of Betty's passing. I first meet Betty in the 60's when we were young teachers in Calgary. Throughout the years our paths would cross often when she was librarian at Nellie McClung as well as at teachers conventions and at Flames games. She was a friendly, sincere person and a highly professional teacher. Betty always took time to visit and inquire about our family.

We are sorry we will miss her celebration service as we will be away. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Sincerely,
Evelda and Bill Love

Evelda love - February 16, 2013 at 04:17 PM

MS

“ After first meeting Betty during her early days of teaching and renewing acquaintances with her in later years I can attest to the fact that she stayed loyal, caring deeply for friends and family.
Marilyn and Wally Shoults

Marilyn Shoults - February 16, 2013 at 11:07 AM

RP

“ We're so sorry for your loss Brett. Take care.
Jan and Randy Pistawka

Randy Pistawka - February 16, 2013 at 10:01 AM

RW

“ Deepest sympathy to Betty's family on her passing. May you find strength from your memories of her

Rusty & Fran Wong



Rusty & Fran Wong - February 13, 2013 at 06:46 PM

PZ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Bettys family at this most difficult time.

Sincerely Len and Pat Zebedee.

PAT Zebedee - February 12, 2013 at 09:14 PM

BM

“ Aunty Betty was one of my favourite people in the world, and had a tremendous influence on my life.. That influence lives on through my children. It is hard to imagine the influence she had on so many, through her life and career. She inspired reading, learning, and applying that learning to life. My deepest sympathy to Brett and all of her family. A life so well lived, and while celebrated, she will be missed so much. Rest in peace, precious lady. Brad Mason

Brad mason - February 11, 2013 at 08:02 PM

EM

“ Brett, Samantha, Melanie and Josh--My heart is with you, Betty's journey is complete. Although our hearts are broken, we have so many memories to make us smile. Your dedication to Betty, especially this last week, was amazing--always following what you knew Betty would wish. My prayers are with you.

Much love

Elaine

Elaine Mason - February 11, 2013 at 10:38 AM

LB

BRETT AND FAMILY, DON And I SEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO YOUR FAMILY. BETTY WAS A GREAT GIRL AND A FIGHTER. SHE WENT THE WHOLE 9 YARDS TO TRY AND BEAT THIS DISEASE. GOOD FOR HER. WE WILL MISS HER SMILING FACE ON THE COURSE, HER DETERMINATION TO HAVE A GREAT GAME AND GuARANTEED THAT SHE WILL BE SLUGGING AWAY UP THERE TO GET A HOLE IN ONE. KNOWING BETTY HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO ALL OF THOSE SHE TOUCHED. BRETT TAKE OF YOUR SELF KNOWING THAT YOU HAD A FIGHTER IN YOUR RING. BEST BUDS lynne and don Beamer

lynne and don Beamer - February 15, 2013 at 06:56 PM