Bettie Lee Carlson

December 2, 1929 – December 28, 2022



Bettie Lee Carlson, age 93, of Meadow Bridge, West Virginia passed away Wednesday, December 28, 2022 in Blacksburg, Virginia.

She was born December 2, 1929 in Fayette County to the late Enoch and Iva Gill Cox. Bettie married David Norman Carlson on June 20, 1954 in Springdale, West Virginia.

Bettie was a graduate of Gallaudet University in Washington D.C, majoring in art, crafts and physical education. She taught at the school for the deaf in Sioux Falls, SD. Sioux Falls, SD. Upon retiring, she became a dorm counselor at the Maryland School for the Deaf, followed by years of service to the South Dakota Deaf Communication Services. As an artist, she loved painting landscapes of God's bountiful beauty. She loved cooking, canning, sewing, West Virginia air, and her fur babies (cats), Hannah and Grace. She was an active member of the Church of Christ and worshiped with the Springdale Church of Christ.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband in 2011, David Carlson; four sisters, Hilda Bomar, Almeda McFall, Rena Mitchell, and Wanda Diehl; and a brother, Joel Cox.



She is survived by six sisters, Geneva Vandall, Lena Bragg, Norma Neel, Audra Milhollin, Sharon Marshall, Carla Suggs; and two brothers, Joy Cox and Wayne Cox.

In keeping with her wishes, her body has been cremated. No formal services are scheduled.

NOTES: Bettie was among the distinguished teachers at the South Dakota School for the Deaf during the period of 1957-1974. When she returned to South Dakota to work at Communication Service for the Deaf as Director of CSD of South Dakota. Then she lived at the Evergreen Apartments as the manager for the deaf independent living tenants. Bettie was active in the South Dakota Association of the Deaf, National Fraternity of South Dakota, and was President of Deaf Seniors of South Dakota. She was a SDAD Hall of Fame inductee in area of Arts in 2001.