



## Betty S. Pinkel

October 29, 1943 - July 4, 2022

Betty S. Pinkel, age 78 of Highland, IL, died Monday, July 04, 2022, at Saint Louis University Hospital in Saint Louis, MO.

She was born on Friday, October 29, 1943, in Highland, IL, the daughter of Felton and Elda (nee Matter) Merwin.

She married Richard N. Pinkel at the First United Methodist Church, Collinsville, IL, who passed away on Monday, March 09, 1998.

She was a member of Grantfork United Church of Christ, Grantfork, IL; Grantfork UCC Women's Guild; U.F.O. at church; and "Just Me" group in Grantfork.

Betty was born in Highland and grew up in Caseyville. She was a graduate of Belleville Township High School. Betty began working in banking while still in high school and continued for about 10 years. She stayed at home with her children until the late 80's. In the mid 70's, the family moved to Grantfork. Betty became a secretary for her brother's Country Companies office in Livingston, then later for Torbit's Decorating as a bookkeeper. She served as a Cub Scout Den leader and became the Village of Grantfork clerk, retiring in 2018. Betty was active in her church, serving as a mentor for young confirmands. She also volunteered as the L.U.N.C.H. Bunch coordinator for

Grantfork each summer. She was a member of the Grantfork United Church of Christ.

Survivors include:

Son - Michael R. (Robin) Pinkel, Edwardsville, IL

Son - Mark N. (Molly) Pinkel, Edwardsville, IL

Son - Jeffrey M. (Shari) Pinkel, De Soto, MO

Grandchild - Emily G. Pinkel, Edwardsville, IL

Grandchild - Taylor V. Pinkel, Edwardsville, IL

Grandchild - Joseph R. Pinkel, Edwardsville, IL

Grandchild - Miles R. Pinkel, De Soto, MO

Grandchild - Isabella V. Pinkel, De Soto, MO

Sister - Marie Holdener, Salt Lake City, UT

Sister-In-Law - Marilyn Merwin, Shiloh, IL

Sister-In-Law - Linda Merwin, Highland, IL

Nieces and Nephews - Many.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Felton Merwin

Mother - Elda Merwin, nee Matter

Husband - Richard N. Pinkel - Died 3/9/1998

Special Friend of 14 years - Barry L. Riegel - Died 7/3/2022

Brother - Dale E. Merwin

Brother - Glenn Merwin

Brother - Roy Merwin

Sister-In-Law - Jerri Merwin

Brother-In-Law - Lou Holdener.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 09, 2022, at Grantfork United Church of Christ in Grantfork, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 09, 2022, at Grantfork United Church of Christ in Grantfork, IL, with Rev. Tim Darmour-Paul, pastor, officiating.

Interment will be at Grantfork United Church of Christ Cemetery in Grantfork, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grantfork United Church of Christ, American Cancer Society, HACF/L.U.N.C.H. Bunch.

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Jo-Ann Steiner lit a candle in memory of Betty S. Pinkel*



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**Jo-Ann Steiner** - July 10, 2022 at 07:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty S. Pinkel.*



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July 09, 2022 at 07:53 AM

CH

“ *As I will not be able to attend our dear friend Betty's funeral I wanted to express my sincere sympathy to her family and friends. I've known Betty for 60 years. We worked together at the bank along with 4 others. After we all went our separate ways-starting families, new careers, relocation,etc-we decided to form a "club" so we wouldn't loose track of each other. Over 50 yrs later, we still get together once a month! We have been through marriages, births, deaths and everything in between. Betty very seldom missed a get together. She was a wonderful friend and will be missed by all. Her love of her family was always important and shown through each month we saw her.Cheryl Hoercher*

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**Cheryl Hoercher** - July 08, 2022 at 11:46 AM

LF

“ *Love, Your Concord Church Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Betty S. Pinkel.*



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**Love, Your Concord Church Family** - July 08, 2022 at 10:58 AM

CW

“ *Our families go way back to the farming community in the Caseyville-East St Louis area. We both came from hard working farm families. When things weren't quite so busy, there were pinochle games and the kids would play games. Her brother Roy and I were the youngest. Betty was always so nice to us. Our paths would cross over the years. We were so touched when she came to the visitation for our Mom, Lucy Weissert, who died at age 103, in 2017. Our love and prayers are with you in remembering this special lady.  
Please accept this message on behalf of my brother Carl & me.  
Carolyn (Weissert) Wottowa & Carl Weissert*

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**Carolyn Wottowa** - July 08, 2022 at 09:42 AM

CW

*I remembered something else about the Merwin family. For those who might remember the flood of 1957—We were coming home from visiting some cousins in Collinsville. Our farm was close to routes 111 and 50. Merwins was closer to 157 and route 50. Way before interstate 64. I don't remember all the details although I am sure my brother would.*

*Parts of route*

*50 were closed. We tried some back roads. Dad was going to cross the canal bridge and walk to our house for a tractor or truck. But the water was already too deep and he didn't swim. So we ended up at Merwins house. Of course they welcomed us. Then they remembered the courtney family who lived on Bunkum road and were probably in danger. So the men and boys that were old enough to be of help went to rescue them. My brother Carl, was 15 so he also went. I was only 8 so probably Elda found a comfy bed for me. The men were out most of the night helping the Courtney family. The ladies were at Merwins house but I doubt that they slept. There were no cell phones then so you can imagine how worried the ladies might have been. Somehow there was breakfast for everyone the next morning. Later in the day we were able to get back home. Such wonderful farmer friends in time of need.*

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**Carolyn Wottowa** - July 09, 2022 at 04:18 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty S. Pinkel.



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July 07, 2022 at 11:16 PM

MB

“ Mary Lee Baum lit a candle in memory of Betty S. Pinkel



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**Mary Lee Baum** - July 07, 2022 at 05:15 PM

CP

“ She was my best friend for over fifty years. She was always there when I needed a laugh for a pick me up, some friendly advice, or just talking to kid around. Every time together at bowling, Club, “Classy Lassy” or anything it was always laughter, good talks and “food”. She was the most considerate, kind-hearted person I know. I’ll miss you forever, Betty. Carol

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**Carol Price** - July 07, 2022 at 03:59 PM

MB

“ My friend, I’m going to miss you so much. Our talks, our laughs that never stopped. Our trips over the last couple years that were full of fun and wonderful memories. Life won’t be the same without you. I’ll miss you so much, Collinsville

*Love, Mary Lee Baum*

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**Mary Lee Baum** - July 07, 2022 at 12:31 PM

SB

“ May memories of her be constant blessings in your life. Peace be with you.

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**Susan Breece** - July 07, 2022 at 12:00 PM

RR

“ Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Betty S. Pinkel



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**Rita Rinderer** - July 06, 2022 at 10:16 PM

PM

“ Betty was the most generous, loving, caring person that I have ever met. She would always be there for you if you needed her. I will miss Betty more than I can say. We would talk alot on the phone and oh yes go out to eat. As we all know she "loved" to go out to eat. 🍷. Also always had a good time with Betty and Barry!💕 To Betty's family I'm so sorry for your loss and sending prayers. Rest in peace Betty!! ❤️ you!!  
Pat (Riegel) Merkle

Pat (Riegel) Merkle - July 06, 2022 at 08:27 PM

SE

Betty will truly be missed, she was one of the sweetest most caring ladies I knew. Always wanted to know about the family and how everyone was. Our thoughts and prayers to her family. Todd and Sheri Ernst

Sheri Ernst - July 06, 2022 at 09:23 PM

PL

Our thoughts and prayers for family and friends. Betty was so dedication her family, church and the town of Grantfork. I've the honor and pleasure of spending many fun times with her. Her smile and personality was contagious. She will be missed by all. Hope you and Barry spread your beauty in heaven. RIP my friend

Pam & Aimee Lecerf - July 07, 2022 at 08:54 PM

JG

“ Betty was an absolute wonderful woman; she always had a smile to greet you with. She was dedicated and devoted to the UCC and the Village of Grantfork. I will miss her and hope that her family finds peace and comfort during this difficult time.



John Grindstaff - July 06, 2022 at 07:27 PM

JG

*Betty was one of the nicest, kindest people I have ever met. I know everyone that knew her would agree. The saying is "God pics his angels first" he sure chose a special angel in Betty. Rest in peace sweet lady. Sympathy to her family and loved ones.*

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**Janelle Gelly** - July 06, 2022 at 10:21 PM

RB

*There is not too many people in this world that you cannot say a bad thing about. That was Betty, no unkind words about her. She was the sweetest, kindest lady. She was a great neighbor to my Gruner family as we all grew up, a friend to my Mom and then after Mom passed she kept an eye out on Dad. She would report on him! LOL She was such a friend to us all. She will be missed by many. Sincere Condolences to her boys and their families. Prayers are with you.*

*P.S. Hopefully she has already found Mom up there and they are out to eat and playing dominos!*

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**Rhonda Brendel** - July 07, 2022 at 05:38 PM