

When Betty was asked many times throughout her life what was important to her, and what she cherished and enjoyed most, Betty would always reply her family and friends and her home. She was an amazing mother to her children and the best grandmother ever to her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved to take care of them, spend time with them, and cook for them. Betty also loved any chance to celebrate holidays and loved to have everyone and anyone to her house for food and good times. She was an amazing chef and could whip up a meal, including a delicious pie or dessert, with a moment's notice. Her favorite pie was coconut cream pie, although she often made many fruit pies using the fruits and berries from her garden. Gardening was a beloved hobby, and Betty's garden always had the most abundant produce. She generously shared many vegetables and flowers from her gardens with family, neighbors, and friends.

Betty was the sweetest, kindest, most generous, caring, loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend one could know. She always supported and wanted to attend as many of her children's and grandchildren's games, races, competitions and recitals as possible. If she was needed, she would be there.

During her life Betty fostered many close friendships. Betty enjoyed the humorous and sometimes harrowing adventures she had with these friends and family. In the 1970s the family had a pop-up camper which they traveled with through many states, to the East coast, to the West coast twice, and to many rivers, lakes, and campgrounds in between. The family would visit distant family and friends along the way. After her children were grown, she took a fun girlfriend trip to New York City. Betty and Clint also enjoyed travel to many European countries, the Caribbean on a barefoot cruise, an Alaskan inland passage cruise, and a Panama Canal cruise.

Betty was an amazing artist and teacher of art. She painted most of her life and taught her children and others to paint. She was great at every needle craft and the many other crafts she pursued, teaching many others along the way. She knitted, crocheted, sewed and embroidered many of her and her family's clothes, costumes, doll clothes, blankets and quilts. She sewed and quilted every new grandchild a beautiful quilt, and sewed and quilted gorgeous wedding quilts, wall hangings, and Christmas tree skirts. She also always loved to attend plays and musicals. She learned how to square dance and always sang in her church choirs.

Betty believed in eating healthy and loved all types of exercise. Besides gardening in her large, ever growing beautiful yard, she was an avid downhill skier and took many ski trips with her husband, children, grandchildren, and friends. She visited over 20 different ski areas in Colorado and California. She started walking and running regularly in the early 70's. She later did a lot of hiking, mountain biking, camping, boating, sailing, cross country skiing, weight training, aqua aerobics, and swimming.

Betty is survived by her husband, four children, 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is dearly missed and will always be in our hearts and prayers. Best mother and grandmother, she was always up for any adventure.

# Betty Ruth Hostetler Schmidt

January 13, 1935 – September 11, 2020



## *Memorial Service*

*January 2021  
First Mennonite Church  
Denver, Colorado*

## Celebration of Life

Prelude	Romaine Anderson
<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> (Hymnal: A Worship Book 201)	
Welcome	Glenn Balzer
Invocation	Claudia Aguilar
<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i> (HWB 327)	
Eulogy	Glenn Balzer
Dear Mom	Les Schmidt
Celebration of Life	Slideshow
<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> (HWB 545)	
<i>Come We That Love the Lord</i> (HWB 14)	
<i>Pachelbel's Cannon</i>	
<i>I Bind My Heart This Tide</i> (HWB 411)	
Meditation	Marilyn Miller
<i>Dona Nobis Pacem</i> (HWB 346)	
Prayer of Remembrance and Release	Claudia Aguilar
Memorial Garden Interment Video	Glenn Balzer
<i>Holy, Holy, Holy!</i> (HWB 120)	
<i>Bless'd Be the Tie that Binds</i> (HWB 421)	
Benediction	Glenn Balzer
Postlude	Romaine Anderson and Vicky Mierau

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*Thank you to all who participated in the Memorial Service, including:*

**Pastors:** Claudia Aguilar, Glenn Balzer, and Marilyn Miller

**Music Coordinator:** Charlie Ferguson

**Musicians:** Romaine Anderson, Vicky Mierau, and Charlie Ferguson

**Sanctuary Arts:** Paul Johnson

**Video Editing:** Glenn Balzer and Charlie Ferguson

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**Betty's memory can be honored** by sending contributions to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp (709 CR 62, Divide CO 80814) or Mennonite Central Committee (PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501).

## Betty Ruth Hostetler Schmidt Life Story

Betty Ruth Schmidt was born to Amra H. Hostetler and Ruth Hostetler in Harper County, KS, on January 13, 1935. She grew up on the family dairy farm, with her parents, five siblings, and a large extended family that lived nearby. She helped on the family farm, milked cows, drove tractor, plucked chickens, made soap, cooked meals and other chores.

As a child, she and her family attended Pleasant Valley Mennonite Church. She went to school at the Pleasant Valley two room schoolhouse; both were across the street from her home. From there she attended Hesston Academy in Hesston, KS. Betty liked school. After graduating from Hesston, she furthered her education at Goshen College, in Goshen, IN. There she received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and became a Registered Nurse. Anyone who knew Betty knew her sweet, kind spirit. She loved helping others, and she loved being a nurse. Throughout school, work and life Betty developed many lifelong friendships. She always warmly welcomed all friends and family who stopped to visit.

She married her husband, Charles Kauffman, at the Pleasant Valley Church on August 23, 1957, and then moved to Mission, KS. While in Mission, Chuck was a student at the Medical Center in Kansas City, and Betty worked at Shawnee Mission Hospital. During this time Betty and Chuck had a son, Gregory Kauffman. Mission continued to be their family home after her husband Chuck passed a few years later.

Betty met Clinton Schmidt while attending Rainbow Boulevard Mennonite Church in Kansas City, KS. On September 28, 1963, Betty married Clint. Clint brought two children to the marriage, Juanita and Les. During this time, the family lived in Lawrence, KS, and Betty worked at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. Later, the family moved to Overland Park, KS, while Clint finished his bachelor's and master's degrees. The family continued to attend Rainbow Boulevard Mennonite Church, and Betty again worked at Shawnee Mission Hospital in Labor and Delivery. Later, she was a nurse for a group of four practicing Shawnee Mission OBGYN doctors. Betty was an awesome nurse. During this time Betty and Clint had two daughters, Lisa and Amy.

The family moved to Littleton, CO in 1979 because they loved Colorado and were always vacationing there. Betty, Clint and family attended First Mennonite Church in Denver. Betty continued her nursing career and education in Colorado. She worked at Swedish Hospital in Labor and Delivery before receiving her Nurse Practitioners Degree at the University of Colorado in Denver. She was one of the first graduating classes of Nurse Practitioners in the state of Colorado. After finishing her degree Betty went to work for Tri-County Health Department in Englewood, CO. There she worked in women's health care. She often said she loved her job and helping her patients. Betty retired from Tri-County in 2003 and continued to live in her "forever" home in Littleton, which she loved and lived in until she passed.

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