



## Betty J. (Theisen) Brockner

April 20, 1928 - September 8, 2019

On Sunday, September 8, 2019, Betty J. (Theisen) Brockner left her earthly home and went to be with her Lord and Savior.

Betty was born on April 20, 1928 to Helfreda (“Sue”) Theisen and Denis (“Doc”) Theisen. She was raised in Iron Mountain and graduated from Iron Mountain High School, class of 1946. She was a lifelong member of First Lutheran Church.

Betty was raised with a strong work ethic. She was a waitress at the Hob Nob restaurant, which her mother owned for many years, after which they worked together at Pine Grove Country Club. She had also been employed by Buchman Drug Store and worked at the VA hospital commissary. She was a loving caregiver for several years to two special elderly ladies, and she volunteered at Victorian Pines.

Nothing gave Betty more joy than babies and toddlers. She loved to dress up in her clown costume and show up at the birthday parties of great-nieces and great-nephews to hand out candy and treats. Her clown collection was extensive and was shared with many family members.

She enjoyed singing, and performed with the Smile Awhiles. Some of her other interests included playing cards, reading, dancing, and cooking. She

was happy to bake and fill special requests for her children, nieces, and nephews.

Betty was married to Albert (“Bob”) Nelson for 24 years. They had 2 children together, Pamela Nelson and Bruce Nelson.

Betty is survived by her daughter Pamela Nelson (husband Ken Anderson) of Sheboygan WI and her son Bruce Nelson of Atwood KS, sisters Marge Nelson and Orice Walters, brother Wayne Theisen, grandchildren Shayla Hall, Denver CO, Shawna Uselding, Kohler WI and Jeff Nelson, Arvada CO. She was blessed with 8 great-grandchildren: Avery Nelson, Cameron, Ty, Dayne, Tara, and Dru Uselding, and Brooke and Mikayla Nelson.

She is also survived by her sister-in-law Mary Jane Nelson of Niagara and brother-in-law Don (Gladys) Nelson of Aurora, CO, many nieces and nephews, and special cousin Joe Bouche of Belleville, IL. She was a proud godmother to Susan Higgins, Cory Mellinger, and Steve Theisen.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her brother Earl Theisen, her sisters-in-law Nancy Theisen and Ruth Theisen, her brothers-in-law Harlan Walters and Richard Nelson, and nephews Nick Nelson and Steve Theisen.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the First Lutheran Church, 1210 S Stephenson Avenue, Iron Mountain. The funeral service will follow at 1:00 pm at the church. Bryan Laurila will officiate. Burial will take place in Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to CureSearch, [www.curesearch.org](http://www.curesearch.org), an organization which promotes childhood cancer research, a cause very important to Betty and her family.

Special thanks to the wonderful, compassionate nurses and staff at ManorCare of Kingsford, Dr. Beth Schroeder, and to Pam Theisen, who has been Betty's guardian angel.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Betty (Theisen) Bocker online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Lutheran Church  
1210 S. Stephenson Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Funeral Service

SEP 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

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1210 S. Stephenson Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Dan & Joanne Bode purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Betty J. (Theisen) Brocker.*



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**Dan & Joanne Bode** - September 13, 2019 at 02:29 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betty J. (Theisen) Brocker.*



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September 12, 2019 at 01:07 AM

JB

“ Some of you may remember-my "Special cousin" Betty read this poem @ my wife Judy's funeral. It was & still is "awesome". It's titled I'M FREE.

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard him call. I turned my back & left it all.*

*I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that place at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I've savored much, Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all to brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.*

*REST IN PEACE, HONEY.*

*Cousin Joe*

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**Joe Bouche'** - September 11, 2019 at 05:43 PM

CM

“ I LOVE you Aunty BJ, Thank you for ALWAYS being available for me..I have Many Fond Memories of You & i will Cherish That until we see one another Again..We had SO Many Laughs together & I always felt Welcome in your Home.. You would send Me Potato Chip Cookies all the way to Texas & there were ALWAYS MADE WITH MY LOVE:) I remember when i asked you to be Cory's Godmother You Started Crying over the Phone & then we Laughed because you thought i should pick someone Younger & I just Knew You were the PERFECT choice to Honor My Son & Myself.. You are the BEST Aunty & I will Miss you So Much.. xoxoxo

Love & Prayers Across the Miles to My Cousins Pam & Bruce & All our Cousins & My Mom/Aunty Orice & Uncle Wayne Love You ALL xoxoxo Carrie Jo

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Carrie Jo (nelson) Mellinger - September 11, 2019 at 05:25 PM

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“ Our family chain has been broken again, but as God calls us one by one , we will link again and there will be rejoicing in heaven. Love and miss you Betty, but you are at Peace and I am grateful for that. Love and prayers for all her family as they travel for Betty's celebration of Life.  
'Lil' Sister, Orice



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Orice Walters - September 11, 2019 at 10:20 AM

DM

“ Dear Pam, Bruce and family: "Tights" was such a dear friend for many years to my mother Rosemary and to us kids- I still remember the sound of her laugh and her upbeat attitude. We loved to visit her even after we moved away from home- good friends are always to be remembered and loved- your Mom sure was! I send my prayers, sympathies and hugs at this sad time- she was one in a million.  
Darcy G. McKenzie



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darcy mckenzie - September 10, 2019 at 03:25 PM