



Betty T. Zajicek

April 15, 1935 - November 18, 2025

Dodgeville – Betty Thelma Larson Zajicek, age 90, of Dodgeville passed away on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at Uplands Hills Nursing & Rehab Center.

Betty was born on the Larson family farm near Boscobel, WI on April 15, 1935 to A. Kenneth and Ella Larson. She graduated in 1952 from Blue River High School. She married Harley Zajicek on February 6, 1954. In 1958, the couple moved to Highland, WI. While in Highland, Betty worked in the cheese factory and was a cook at Pine Lawn Group home while also raising their family. In 1992, they moved to the Lone Rock area. Betty cooked at the Spring Green Drive-In and then started working in the environmental services department at the UW Hospital in Madison. Later, she started as a camp cook at Bethel Horizons outside of Dodgeville. She worked as a camp cook for many years and really enjoyed all the kids she met (She was often heard saying, “Oh you kids!”). Bethel Horizons even had a t-shirt made with all of Betty’s favorite sayings! Many “city kids” were introduced to Betty’s treats, “chicken with bones”, and she even shared her Lefse baking knowledge to people at Bethel Horizons (and family - if you were lucky). Betty moved to an apartment in Dodgeville in 2004. Betty loved to cook and feed people! If you left hungry, then it was your own fault! She really enjoyed sharing the Norwegian foods that she learned to make from her mother. Harley and Betty spent a lot of time at craft sales selling Harley’s woodworking, fishing, playing cards, traveling and spending time with family and friends. She was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church in Highland.

Betty is survived by her four children: Karen (friend Dave Miller) Dieter of Blue River, WI; Carmen (Mark) Zajicek-Anderson of DeForest, WI; Connie (Dave) York of Mount Horeb, WI and Kevin (Jill) Zajicek of Dodgeville, WI. She is further survived by her grandsons, and their families; Jonathan (Brighton Larson) Rupp and daughter, Eleanor of Cedar Rapids, IA; Christopher (Samantha Ewig) Rupp of Wind Point, WI; Karter Zajicek of Dodgeville, WI; Kole (Olivia) Zajicek of Fridley, MN; and a step-grandson, Jake (Sabrina) York and family, Miette (Arden), Gaius, Lucia, and Elowen of Monroe, WI. She is also survived by her in-laws, Darlene Larson, Creola Peaslee, Shirley Kurowski, and Mason (Carol) Zajicek, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Harley, on May 8, 2004, her parents, in-laws - Edward and Edith Zajicek, two brothers - Herb and Arlis, an infant sister - Alice, a sister-in-law - Nancy, and a son-in-law - Richard Dieter.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville. Burial will be held in Highland Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 and from 9:00 a.m. until time of service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

Main Street
Highland, WI 53543

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home
400 East Grace Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533
(608) 935-5222
gorgenfh@mhtc.net

Visitation

DEC 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Service

DEC 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sending warm sympathy to the family of Betty. She was a busy lady during her life time when she was able. May you each find comfort in the many Memories you have of your Dear Mother/Grandmother. I recall at her wedding when her Father brought her up the aisle, Harley said" Thank You Pa Pa". He was so pleased with His Prize, wife to be. Our family circles are getting smaller.
Warmly,



Charleen Studnicka - December 02, 2025 at 01:48 PM

MB

“ Praying your loving memories give you comfort during this difficult time. Prayers,
Joel and Mary Baney

Mary Baney - November 24, 2025 at 05:41 PM

LJ

“ Love, Ralph, Mary, and Joel purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Betty T. Zajicek.



Love, Ralph, Mary, and Joel - November 24, 2025 at 05:29 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Betty T. Zajicek.



November 20, 2025 at 12:32 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Betty T. Zajicek.



November 20, 2025 at 09:20 AM



“ *Betty was a great lady. She was like a second mother to me while growing up. Spent many days at their home.* ”

Susan Schleicher - November 19, 2025 at 07:21 PM

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You too are a special family. Thank you for your kind words!

carmen zajicek - November 29, 2025 at 09:54 AM