



## Betty Lou Nelson

June 2, 2026

Betty L. Nelson was born on November 13, 1931, to parents, Otis C. and Cora E. (Hitchcock) Qual, on the family farm. She attended rural school for her elementary education and graduated from high school from Lisbon High School in 1948. She attended NDSU and St. Lukes School of Nursing, Fargo, ND prior to her marriage to Donald E Nelson, on August 14, 1950, in Webster, SD. They lived in Lisbon, Fairmount and Jamestown, ND. Betty worked through the years as a bookkeeper, secretary for Lisbon Mobile Milling, Fairmount Implement, and Miracle Propane Gas Co, Jamestown; James River Bank, and Hjellum, Weiss, et. al., Jamestown. She returned to St. Lukes School of Nursing in 1976 and obtained her nursing degree. She was employed at St. Lukes Hospital until 1979 when she returned to Lisbon and worked at Lisbon Memorial Nursing Home as a staff nurse. She later served as the Nursing Home Administrator for the Lisbon Memorial Nursing Home. In 1992, she married Gene Johnson and worked part-time as a staff nurse until her retirement in 2001. Since 2001, she has moved to be closer to her children and most recently settled in Surprise, AZ in 2020.

She is survived by her 5 children: Julie (John) Townsend, Surprise, AZ; Dwight (Sharon) Nelson, Camdenton, MO; Renee (Ron) Meyer, Surprise, AZ; Tim (Linda) Nelson, White Rock, NM; and Lance (Cheryl) Nelson, Lincoln, NE. There are 12 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Betty was predeceased by her parents and 3 brothers: Artie Qual, Louis Quat, Ralph Qual; and 4 sisters, Beatrice Quail, Dorothy Qual, Delores Qual, and Marjorie Vagneur.