



Florence "Betty" Elizabeth Finch

March 21, 2016

Florence "Betty" Elizabeth Finch, 97, formerly of Charles City, died Monday, March 21, 2016, at Eagle Crest Assisted Living-Presbyterian Home in Roseville, MN.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, April 1, 2016, with a one hour prior visitation at Fullerton-Hage Funeral Home, 401 Blunt Street, Charles City. Reverend Jim Beranek from Trinity United Methodist Church will be officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Rudd.

Betty was born on November 17, 1918 in Blue Earth, MN to Robert Lloyd Pace and Adah Velvena (Hendrickson) Pace. She spent most of her childhood growing up in Rudd, IA; where she met the love of her life, Roger Finch, at a young age because he was also her next door neighbor. On May 31, 1941 Betty and Roger were united in marriage. Shortly after Roger was deployed for WWII and Betty had to stay behind. She worked for a period of time at the post office in Rudd. Roger survived a serious injury; and when he was honorably discharged, the couple moved to Charles City and Betty worked a short time as a dental assistant. The couple called Charles City home for many years and eventually built a home along the Cedar River. Betty and Roger then retired and moved to Wisconsin and had a home on Round Lake in Hayward for 18 years and then moved to Minnesota to live near two of her children. To their union five children were born. Betty became a full time homemaker and caretaker. She was a wonderful mother. Education was extremely important to her; which is why she taught Sunday School and also encouraged her two daughters to go to college.

For enjoyment she loved reading mystery and historical fiction. Betty tracked every book she ever read. She was also a hand quilter and avid flower gardener. Together Betty and her husband enjoyed golfing and dancing. They both had a sense of humor and teased each other at times. After retirement the couple traveled together to Spain and wintered in Padre Island. Betty will be remembered for her willingness to always give to others and the compassion she had in her heart.

Those left to cherish her memory include five children: Robert (Sherry) Finch, Ronald (Jeanie) Finch, Patricia Finch Guthrie, Penelope (Dock) Cleveland and Richard (Ann) Finch; 12 grandchildren: Kristin Finch, Jennifer (Chris) Pierce, Michael (Jennifer) Finch, Ryan Finch, Eric (Jen-Marie) Finch, Susan (Drew Padrutt) Finch, Shelley (Charles) Rayborn, Jermaine Guthrie, Patrick Moyers, Nathaniel (Tina) Moyers,, Lauren Finch and Marie Finch; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roger Finch in 2001; parents, Robert and Adah Pace and son-in-law, William Guthrie.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to The American Heart Association or Alzheimer's Association (Minnesota/North Dakota Chapter).

Online condolences may be left at www.fullertonfh.com.

Arrangements are with Fullerton Hage Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 401 Blunt Street, Charles City, IA. (641) 228-4211. www.Fullertonfh.com Facebook: Fullerton Funeral Home

Cemetery

Evergreen Cemetery

Rudd, IA,

Events

APR **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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APR **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Sad to see the end of the “Greatest Generation”
Aunt Betty was a delightful caring person. I especially remember when I graduated from Cornell , my mother was unable to attend the celebration so Betty came. I also will always remember the family gatherings and the class that Betty added to those occasions.
She will be missed by family and friends.

Jim and Donna Nicholson

James Nicholson - April 01, 2016 at 08:44 AM



“ Penny and Patty: It is always hard to lose a parent - my deepest condolences.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain...
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.
Unknown

Mary Hearst - March 29, 2016 at 11:47 AM



“ Penny and Patty, My condolences and prayers for you and your family. – Emily Nowak, St. Catherine University.

Emily Nowak - March 28, 2016 at 02:33 PM



“ Penny & Patty:

No matter how old it is always so difficult to lose your mother. I am so sorry for your loss and I know your wonderful memories will carry you through. Much love, Sue Trelstad

Susan Trelstad - March 28, 2016 at 08:20 AM



“ Dear Penny,

I am truly sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. My most heartfelt condolences to you and your family during this time. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if I may be of any support.

Warmest regards,
Florence Clark

Florence Clark - March 25, 2016 at 05:51 PM



“ Ron,

So sorry for your loss. 97 is great but I know we are never ready to lose them..My Mother turned 95 on March 7th. She still lives at home and drives. I am very grateful.

Janean Tudor Kober

Janean - March 24, 2016 at 08:28 PM



“ Dear Ron and the Finch family, thinking of you at this sad time. We enjoyed living on the same block all those years in Charles City. Wonderful family as neighbors. My mom is also buried at Evergreen Cemetry in Rudd. Once again, our moms will be neighbors.

~~Pat Robichaud Points

Pat Robichaud Points - March 24, 2016 at 05:15 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Florence "Betty" Elizabeth Finch.



March 24, 2016 at 04:11 PM



“ Dear Bob, Ron, Penny, Patty, Rich and your families,
Thinking of you at this time of both sadness and celebration of your Mom's life. I have such good memories of family times together in Charles City when we cousins were growing up, and know how much my parents, Eunice and Doc enjoyed vacations with your parents. I wish we could be there for the service but it isn't possible. You are in our prayers. With love, Elaine and Lee Wick

Elaine and Lee Wick - March 24, 2016 at 01:41 PM



“ Penny and Patty. I am very sorry to hear of your mother's death. How wonderful to have her with you until she was 97. Never easy to lose your mother. My prayers are with you all. Barbara

Barbara Shank - March 24, 2016 at 10:28 AM



“ Betty, I will miss you SO much! I loved knowing you and seeing you every day! You were always my favorite! Rest In Peace! Love you, Diane

Diane - March 24, 2016 at 05:18 AM



“ Dear Rich,
Our condolences to your family. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
The Ly family.

Ly - March 23, 2016 at 09:16 AM



“ Penny and Patty, We are saddened to hear about the passing away of your mother, and offer our condolences and prayers for you and your family. – Aaron V. Shukla, St. Catherine University.

Aaron V. Shukla - March 22, 2016 at 04:50 PM



“ My condolences to the family of Florence "Betty" Finch. Having great respect for two of her daughters, Penny and Patty, I'm anticipating that Betty must have been a pretty remarkable woman. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family, as do my wishes for joy in celebrating her special contributions to your lives.
-Mary Clem, St. Catherine University

mary clem - March 22, 2016 at 04:01 PM



“ Dear Penny and Patty,
I am saddened by the death of your mother. There is no one more special than the woman who gave you so much in life. There is no rehearsal for saying goodbye to a loved one. I hope that the wonderful memories of happy times spent together will sustain you both as you grieve your mother's loss.

My sympathy and blessings,
Cathy Brennan

Cathy Brennan - March 22, 2016 at 03:35 PM



“ Dear Penny and Patty,
I am sincerely sorry for the loss of your mother. Mothers bring us into the world and we feel lost and alone without them. May you find strength and peace in your memories and the love and support of your family and friends. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.
With deep sympathy,
Suzan

suzan ulrich - March 22, 2016 at 03:25 PM



“ Dear Patty & Penny,
I'm sending my condolences to you on the occasion of your mother's passing. Knowing the two of you just the little bit that I do, she must have been an amazing woman. Wishing you peace and comfort at this sacred time, and in the time to come,
Sharon Radd (MAOL, St Kate's)

Sharon Radd - March 22, 2016 at 03:13 PM



“ Dear Penny & Family; and Pat & Family --

I know it is with a heavy heart that you have lost your beloved Mother. May you know that others care deeply and you are in my thoughts and prayers now and in the days ahead.

I sincerely hope that fond memories of times past, a spirit of love and laughter, a deep sense of family, will help to sustain you in the difficult and trying days, weeks, and months. I hope it helps to know that others care and are thinking of you, and praying for your Mother and ask our Lord's blessings for her and each of you.

With sincere sympathy, Carolyn Valo (St. Kate's University)



Carolyn Valo - March 22, 2016 at 02:57 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss Penny and Patty. Know you are surrounded by the St. Kate's community for support during this time of loss and celebration of your Mother's life.

Deb Sellheim

Debra Sellheim - March 22, 2016 at 02:45 PM



“ Dear Colleagues,

My sympathies, thoughts and prayers are with you as you grieve and celebrate the life of your mom, who, given the energetic nature of her daughters, must have been a real presence in the world. Allow the embraces of family, friends and colleagues to comfort and sustain you.

Warm regards,
Carol Kuechler

Carol Kuechler - March 22, 2016 at 02:39 PM