



## Betty "Betsy" Jane Zapletal

September 8, 1940 - July 4, 2024

Betty "Betsy" Jane Zapletal, Carthage, Missouri, passed away on Thursday, July 4, 2024. Betsy was born in Dallas, Texas, on September 8, 1940, and was the daughter of Louis and Mary Zmolik. Betsy resided in Carthage since 1972, moving from Ennis, Texas and Manhattan Beach, California. She married Henry Zapletal on June 6, 1959. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, sister-in-law, and friend.

Betsy was a devout Catholic and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Carthage. She was a faithful Catholic, who not only wore the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, but also prayed the Daily Rosary without fail. As a final testament to her Faith, she was bestowed with the Last Rites of our Holy Church by The Very Reverend Paul M. Tai Van Tran, CRM – Provincial Minister. Betsy worked as a secretary for St. Ann's Church and School, as well as for the Congregation of the Mother of the Redeemer in Carthage. She also spent some time at St. Ann's School as a volunteer librarian. Betsy earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Missouri Southern State University later in life after raising her four children. She was an avid reader, loved literature, and was an excellent writer and editor.

Betsy is survived by her sons Clay (Cindy) of Manhattan, Kansas, John (Linda) Zapletal of Edmond, Oklahoma, and her daughter Bonnie (Michael) Schaeffer of Carthage, Missouri. Dear to her heart are her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who know her as "Babi". Babi has twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Betsy was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years Henry Zapletal, son Blake Zapletal, grandson Michael Zapletal, parents Louis and Mary Zmolik, and sisters Mary Vrana, Dorothy Mikell, and Linda Tenney.

A Rosary and Funeral Mass will be held at St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church (Ennis, Texas) on Tuesday, July 9, 2024. Rosary will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m. Internment will take place at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Ennis. There will be a Memorial Rosary Service for Betsy at St. Ann's Catholic Church on Wednesday, July 10, at 6:00 p.m. in Carthage, Missouri.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Congregation of the Mother of the Redeemer or St. Ann's Catholic Church and School in Carthage.

Online condolences may be made at [www.ulmerfh.com](http://www.ulmerfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Holy Rosary

JUL 10. 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church  
Carthage, MO

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ It is hard to imagine visiting home without seeing your mother. She was always encouraging, always so caring. She made a positive impact on my life and felt like family. My heart hurts for you all. I am grateful for her life and the positive role model she was to me. What a remarkable woman. God bless you all. May your memories bring you joy.

*Jeanie Higgins Hardman*

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**Jeanie Hardman** - July 13, 2024 at 10:48 AM

BS

*Thank you, Jeanie for your kind words regarding Mom. She loved and had a special place in her heart for each of you. We miss her so!!! Know that she continues to pray for you in a very special way. Love Always, Bonnie and Family*

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**Bonnie Schaeffer** - July 21, 2024 at 09:27 PM

SF

“ *Clay, John, Bonnie and family,  
So sorry to hear about your mom's passing. She always wore a smile and was a delightful lady. May she rest in peace.  
With our prayers,  
The Sieglinger family*

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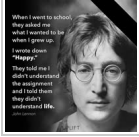
**Sieglinger family** - July 07, 2024 at 05:00 PM

BS

*We so appreciate you taking the time to write and express your sentiments regarding our beloved Mom. Thank you for your continued prayers. Love and blessings to the entire Sieglinger Family! Clay, John, Bonnie, and Family*

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**Bonnie Schaeffer** - July 21, 2024 at 09:30 PM



“ *Sandy Higgins lit a candle in memory of Betty "Betsy" Zapletal*



Sandy Higgins - July 06, 2024 at 04:40 PM

BS

*Thank you for the candle lit in Mom's memory, Sandra. You were so special to her and she loved you very much. We love you, Bonnie and Family*

Bonnie Schaeffer - July 21, 2024 at 09:32 PM

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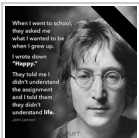
“ *I knew her from my time working at The Carthage Public Library. She was a very sweet woman! I'm so sorry fir your loss 💔*

Rosella Rayner - July 06, 2024 at 01:24 PM

BS

*Thank you for sharing such a sweet and kind memory of our Mom. The library was one of her most favorite places! Blessings Always, The Zapletal Family*

Bonnie Schaeffer - July 21, 2024 at 09:23 PM



“ *Beloved friend , sweet Betty "Betsy" we shall meet again , lots of Blessed memories, Peace now in Angels arms !!*

Sandy Higgins - July 06, 2024 at 11:37 AM

BS

*Mom loved you so, Sandra! Thank you for being her loyal, loving, and best friend. All our love!!*

Bonnie Schaeffer - August 13, 2024 at 09:47 PM

MH

“ Betty was a sweet lady always smiling ❤️💋prayers for family .

Marcia Huff - July 06, 2024 at 10:21 AM

BS

Thank you, Marcie. Mom thought so much of you and the entire Huff Family! Love from all of us....

Bonnie Schaeffer - August 13, 2024 at 09:49 PM

SC

“ Betsy served St. Ann's Catholic Church and school for many years. She touched many people with her prayers and kindness. She was such a gracious, humble person with a warm smile. Our condolences to her family.

St. Ann's Catholic Church - July 05, 2024 at 11:31 PM

BS

Thank you so much to St. Ann's Catholic Church for your prayers, kindness, and care of our Mom, Betsy. In deepest gratitude to Deacon Jim, our parish priests, and parishioners. Love, The Zapletal/Schaeffer Family

Bonnie Schaeffer - August 13, 2024 at 10:07 PM

SH

“ Condolences Zapletal Family, Betty was an extremely gracious lady. Godspeed Betty on your next part of your life's incredible journey.

Sidney A. Hiatt - July 05, 2024 at 05:36 AM

BS

Thank you so much Sid! Both my Mom and Dad thought so highly of you. God bless you and your family. Bonnie Zapletal Schaeffer

Bonnie Schaeffer - July 06, 2024 at 03:41 PM

SW

*Betty was one of the sweetest and kindest woman I had the privilege to know! I am so sorry for your loss but I have no doubt that you will see her again! Prayers and love to all of you!!*

**Sandi Wells** - July 06, 2024 at 05:28 PM

SN

*Bonnie and family, I'm so sorry to hear about Betty! Such a sweet and kind person. I know she will be missed terribly by all your family. Sending love and prayers!*

**Sue Neely** - July 07, 2024 at 04:18 PM

SB

*Bonnie, Clay, John and family, Kathy and I are so sorry to hear about your loss. Betty was so dear to our hearts as you all are. Reunited with Henry in the Lords arms and smiling down upon us all!*

**Scott Bridges** - July 10, 2024 at 01:33 PM

BS

*Thank you, Sandi! We appreciate your sentiments and prayers so much!*

**Bonnie Schaeffer** - August 13, 2024 at 09:52 PM

BS

*That is so very kind of you, Sue; we so appreciate your prayers. Thank you also for the care and kindness you showed to Mom over the many years. She thought the world of you, as do I. Love, Bonnie*

**Bonnie Schaeffer** - August 13, 2024 at 09:56 PM

BS

*Hello Scott and Kathy! Thank you for posting this very special message. We are missing Mom terribly, but as you say, it gives us much peace to know that she with God Dad, Blake, Michael, family, and friends;) Prayers continue for your family as well. Lots of love from the Zapletal's and Schaeffers*

**Bonnie Schaeffer** - August 13, 2024 at 10:00 PM