



Betty Jean (DeMoss) Hatala

March 25, 1935 - May 7, 2017

Betty Jean (DeMoss) Hatala age 82 of Shawnee, Kansas passed away Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Merriam, Kansas. She was born March 25, 1935 in Paradise, Missouri to Earl Franklin and Betty Alice (Martin) DeMoss. She graduated from Argentine High School in 1953.

On June 9, 1956, she was united in marriage to James Joseph Hatala. They shared over thirty-seven years of marriage before James passed away on October 2, 1993. To this union they shared five daughters; Cheryl L., Joy D., Michelle E., Mary B. and Jamie N.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Earl and Betty; and her husband James Hatala.

Betty is survived by her five daughters; Cheryl L. Hatch of Kansas City, Kansas, Joy D. Macek and her husband Mark of Roeland Park, Kansas, Michelle E. Hatala-Sheppard and her husband John of Merriam, Kansas, Mary B. Hatch and her husband Steve of Lee's Summit, Missouri and Jamie N. Mendenhall and her husband Patrick of Lee's Summit of Missouri; twelve grandchildren, Mandy, Betsy, Jason, Kayla, Joe, Noelle, Christian, Jordon, Taryn, Logan, Alyssa and Bella; and two great grandchildren, Ronan and Liam.

A memorial visitation will be held from 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. Thursday, May 11th, 2017 at the Maple Hill Funeral Home in Kansas City, Kansas with the family will having a time of sharing of memories at 7:00 P.M. A private family inurnment will take place at later date.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Sharing of Family Memories

MAY 11. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Jean (DeMoss) Hatala*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - May 10, 2017 at 09:29 AM

BP

Jamie, I'm so sad to read about the passing of your dear mom! I'm sending you prayers and love that your heart will heal soon. Hugs to Bella too. Love, Barb P

Barbara Pordes - May 11, 2017 at 06:47 AM



“ *Betty Jean (DeMoss) Hatala*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Betty Jean (DeMoss) Hatala*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM

 Mollie
Drew

“ *The majority of my childhood memories are filled with Betty, Jim and the girls with our family commingled. Mom and Betty stated out at the drug store soda fountain as co-workers who totally despised each other. Mom and Betty went to different high schools and always fought fearlessly for game nights off one or the other had to work. Somehow, someway it all must have worked out because not long afterwards these two young women became best friends for a lifetime culminating as each others bridesmaid in their weddings along with their husbands as best man.*

I never really ever knew for many years that my family was not actually blood relatives to the Hatalas'....nonetheless we certainly are all family, sisters and brother....hence "Thicker than Blood" is our co-family motto.

The stories remain as vivid visions of Betty, Rosie, Jim and Duane going out each Friday & Saturday night through out KCK Catholic church halls paying \$5 at the door, dancing polka all night and unlimited beer. These two couples were amazing friends and even more amazing parents. Thank you Betty, Rosie for making it all happen.

They were so careless and free. at one dance, Betty and Jim dared my Dad to call a square dance little did they know, Dad grew up in square dance halls...Dad popped up to the microphone and away he called. I can imagine the laughter they all had together.

Here's to you Betty, Jim and Rosie and endless polka dances in heaven. We were blessed to have you as our parents.

Eeeeeiiii Eeeeeiiii OOOOOO

Mollie Drew - May 11, 2017 at 01:08 PM

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“ Larry and I will always remember how much fun Betty and Jim and their girls were when we lived next door to them during our first 4 years of marriage - what a riot!! We had so many times filled with laughing - you never knew what to expect next which made our life's more rich. We watch all of the girls matured to young women - their Mom had a lot to do with that - Betty was always warm, inviting, and easy to get along with. She was always ready to have that next joyful moment. Memories of love and friendship are treasures to carry with you always. Hold on to your memories and let them guide you during this time of sadness. Sorrow is a fleeting emotion but love is infinite. Have hope in tomorrow, have faith in the everlasting, and take comfort in the love of fiends and family. Wishing all of the "Hatala Gals" strength and peace.



Sincerely,

Larry and Jennifer Belcher

Larry and Jennifer Belcher - May 10, 2017 at 06:33 PM

Jamie Mendenhall

“ Jamie Mendenhall lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean (DeMoss) Hatala



Jamie Mendenhall - May 10, 2017 at 05:28 PM



“ 115 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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“ *I will always remember Mrs. Hatala as a kind and gentle woman. She had the coolest car, a convertible . She would let Joy take out her convertible on a Friday or Saturday evening and we would cruise around being cool (at least we thought we were) and listening to the Beach Boys. She was so patient and I never heard her say a cross word to or about anyone. I thank her for those memories. To the entire family, I am so sorry for your loss, and I am sure you will have great memories to cherish.*



Sheila Ufford Cleveland.

Sheila Ufford Cleveland - May 10, 2017 at 07:55 AM