

BETTY EMANUEL

Betty Ann (Starnes) Emanuel was born in Cedar Rapids on November 27, 1929, and attended CR Roosevelt School. She was the daughter of Verle Starnes and Velma Kaiser, and had a brother, Dwayne Starnes.

She married Richard “Dick” Emanuel on August 12, 1947. Together they raised their family of seven children, Rick, Penny, Annie, Chris, Linda, Bobbie and Nick, that all attended the Norway Community School and St. Michael’s Catholic School.

Betty’s primary occupation as a Cosmetologist began with her studying in the early 1960s to get her Cosmetology License. She stayed in this profession until the mid-1980’s, by operating Betty’s Beauty Shop in Norway, and spending a few years teaching at Iowa School of Beauty.

Betty did not participate in high school athletics, but was an excellent dancer, and an accomplished bowler that appeared in State Bowling Tournaments.

She loved watching her husband Dick play Baseball for Norway. She felt that taking care of their children while Dick played ball was her way to contribute.

Betty took over the management of the Concession Stand at the Norway Ballpark from Jeff Pickart in the late 1960’s before Dick was involved in the management of the Town Team. She proceeded to implement new ideas that helped the stand be financially profitable, such as adding Chili Dogs to the menu to go along with Hot Dogs, adding Bratwurst and Sauerkraut Sandwiches, and always making sure that the sandwiches were served on warm, fresh buns. She was as passionate as her husband to make the Concession Stand and Norway Baseball as successful as possible. Betty continued as the manager of the food stand until the early years of the 21st Century.