



## Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson

January 20, 1939 - February 15, 2024

Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson of Willcox passed away at her home early Thursday morning, February 15, 2024, at the age of 85. She was born in Dunlap, Iowa on January 20, 1939, to Cletus George Schaefer and Elizabeth Ellen (Fruebach) Schaefer. Betty married Jerome Thompson on October 10, 1959, in Omaha, Nebraska and they moved to Willcox in 1961 where they farmed. She was active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, a long-time active member of the Lambda Chi Omega Sorority, Tops and the Northern Cochise Community Hospital Auxiliary. Betty is survived by her children Cheryl Moss, Kim (Brent) Haas, Terri (Dean) Harguess, Steve (Kim) Thompson and daughter-in-law Dawna Thompson all of Willcox and eleven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Also surviving is her sister Delores Hartwig. Preceding her in death was her husband Jerome in 1995, a son Michael in 2021 and her grandson JJ in 2018 along with eight brothers and sisters. A Rosary will be offered at 6:00 pm on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at Westlawn Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:00 am on Friday, February 23, 2024, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial to follow in Sunset Cemetery. A luncheon will follow the burial at the Willcox Elks Lodge. Contributions may be made in memory of her name to either the Northern Cochise Community Hospital Foundation, 901 W. Rex Allen Drive, Willcox, Arizona 85643 or to the Charles Wm Leighton Jr. Hospice, P.O. Box 115, Willcox, Arizona 85644 or online at [willcoxhospice.com](http://willcoxhospice.com)

Topic: Betty Thompson Rosary

Time: Feb 22, 2024, 05:30 PM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84898927171?pwd=UWxmblmVDSIRlckpsR1pFYkhtUG5ZUT09>

Meeting ID: 848 9892 7171

Passcode: 701175

Topic: Betty Thompson Mass

Time: Feb 23, 2024, 09:15 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 878 2239 2769

Passcode: 5ptZJT

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# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Cemetery

N. Sunset Strip Road  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Previous Events

## Rosary

FEB **22**. 6:00 PM (MT)

Westlawn Chapel & Mortuary Inc.  
105 S Arizona Avenue  
Willcox, AZ 85643  
(520) 384-2413  
westwx@vtc.net  
<https://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **23**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
215 W. Maley  
Willcox, AZ 85643

## Luncheon

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FEB **23**. 12:00 PM (MT)

Willcox Elks Lodge 2131  
247 E. Stewart St.  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ Scott&Jeannie Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson



Scott&Jeannie Harris - February 23, 2024 at 09:28 AM

DE

“ RIP and fly with the angels Betty and prayers for the family and friends. Betty was one of the sweetest, most loving people I ever knew and I have no doubt she will be greatly missed.

Denise Elder - February 22, 2024 at 04:09 PM

DP

“ Donna Tryon and Cindy Pedersen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.



Donna Tryon and Cindy Pedersen - February 22, 2024 at 03:30 PM

AM

“ Alma & Felipe Mendoza lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson



Alma & Felipe Mendoza - February 22, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.*



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February 22, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ *Bonita Bean/Bonanza Bean planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.*

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**Bonita Bean/Bonanza Bean** - February 22, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.*



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February 22, 2024 at 09:43 AM



“ *David and Tina Thompson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.*

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**David and Tina Thompson** - February 22, 2024 at 09:43 AM

JF

“ John & Julie Rockhill Aline & JW Flowers purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.



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**John & Julie Rockhill Aline & JW Flowers** - February 21, 2024 at 07:38 AM

JF

“ John & Julie Rockhill Aline & JW Flowers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.

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**John & Julie Rockhill Aline & JW Flowers** - February 21, 2024 at 07:38 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.



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February 20, 2024 at 07:41 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.



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February 20, 2024 at 04:54 PM

CF

“ Chris, Anita Jeff Hartwig their families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.



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**Chris, Anita Jeff Hartwig their families** - February 20, 2024 at 11:10 AM

CF

“ Chris, Anita Jeff Hartwig their families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.

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**Chris, Anita Jeff Hartwig their families** - February 20, 2024 at 11:10 AM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.



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February 19, 2024 at 09:28 PM

TH

“ Timm & Jennifer Haas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.

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**Timm & Jennifer Haas** - February 19, 2024 at 09:28 PM

JF

“ Jimmy and Donna Thompson and family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.



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**Jimmy and Donna Thompson and family** - February 19, 2024 at 08:52 PM

RW

“ Rusty and Ashley Weatherby purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.



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**Rusty and Ashley Weatherby** - February 19, 2024 at 07:26 PM

RW

“ Rusty and Ashley Weatherby planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.

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**Rusty and Ashley Weatherby** - February 19, 2024 at 07:26 PM

BF

“ Billy, Shelley & Family purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.



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**Billy, Shelley & Family** - February 19, 2024 at 04:43 PM

C&

“ Chris Turnbeaugh & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.



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**Chris Turnbeaugh & Family** - February 19, 2024 at 02:37 PM

KB

“ Katie Bethel lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson



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**Katie Bethel** - February 19, 2024 at 10:49 AM

RS

“ We will miss you, Aunt Betty! Thank you for being there and coming to visit us and my dad here in Colorado. You were always a ray of sunshine, which I'll continue to carry with me. My deepest condolences and love to the Thompson family. Love, RoseAnn Schaefer.

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**Rose Schaefer** - February 19, 2024 at 08:57 AM

LH

“ Lance Teresa Hatch lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson



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**Lance and Teresa Hatch** - February 18, 2024 at 06:19 PM

LS

“ *Love Roseann, Dianna & Joe Schaefer purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.*



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**Love Roseann, Dianna & Joe Schaefer** - February 18, 2024 at 04:53 PM

FK

“ *Frances Kreger lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson*



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**Frances Kreger** - February 18, 2024 at 12:11 PM

EG

“ When the Good Lord created beautiful, He used sweet Betty as His blueprint, His divine design, His template to define everything & everybody that came after her. Simply standing in her presence was a brighter, comforting, warmful, generous, hopeful, kind moment. How did God put it in His scripture---"We have entertained angels unaware." Betty was an angel, and indeed, those of us who knew her always thought so. Devoted, support-ive, encouraging, dedicated, spiritual, always a positive word/thought that the future was bright, full of promise. Life here without her will not be the same, but she herself would tell us to not be sad. Look forward to that glorious day when we will meet again, shed tears of joy for reunion, & walk the streets of gold together with Jesus. We love you, Betty. God bless your family. We were blessed to have known you, been with you, worked with you, done the Good Lord's work with you.

*Earl & Wanda Goolsby, Yukon, Oklahoma*

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**Earl & Wanda Goolsby** - February 17, 2024 at 11:58 PM

GF

“ Gary & Sandy Fehr & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.



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**Gary & Sandy Fehr & Family** - February 17, 2024 at 06:12 PM

JC

“ She was always helping out at the nursing home making sure the residents had whatever they needed to make quality of life better she was a angel.



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**Jane cox** - February 17, 2024 at 05:07 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.*



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February 17, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ *Ron and Lenora Thompson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.*

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**Ron and Lenora Thompson and family** - February 17, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ *Louise Thompson lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson*



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**Louise Thompson** - February 17, 2024 at 12:06 PM



“ *She was a wonderful sister-in-law always met you with a beautiful smile. She will forever be missed..*

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**Louise Thompson** - February 17, 2024 at 12:05 PM

JY

“ June York lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson



June Lorraine York - February 17, 2024 at 11:21 AM

TB

“ Tommy Rita Bedolla lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson



Tommy & Rita Bedolla - February 16, 2024 at 03:59 PM

MP

“ Mark & Susan Pater lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson



Mark & Susan Pater - February 16, 2024 at 03:28 PM



“ Jerry Giudice lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson



Jerry Giudice - February 16, 2024 at 02:57 PM

NM

“ My dear friend and nurse that I learned a lot from. May she rest in peace. She will be missed from many people.

Nancy Matthews - February 16, 2024 at 02:16 PM



“ She was a wonderful person, she was my favorite NCCH Auxiliary volunteer. I always enjoyed chatting and joking around with her when she worked. You are gonna be missed.

Tom Early - February 16, 2024 at 11:37 AM

CB

“ My memories of Betty go back to when Cheryl was a baby and Michael, not much older. Her sweetness and kindness are always in my heart. Thank you Betty for all the wonderful memories. My condolences to her family.



Carolyn Brassard - February 16, 2024 at 11:01 AM

SA

“ Betty was such a sweet, kind and fun woman. I will never forget you, my dear friend. Love and comfort to your family.

Susan Arbuthnot - February 16, 2024 at 10:53 AM

CB

“ Me Thompson was. A beautiful soul! She spread her sunshine through out Willcox ! She will be missed ☐



Chele Brewer - February 16, 2024 at 10:48 AM

MD

“ *Martie Doke lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson*



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**Martie Doke** - February 16, 2024 at 10:46 AM

JA

“ *John&Susan Arbuthnot lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson*



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**John&Susan Arbuthnot** - February 16, 2024 at 10:40 AM

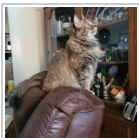
GM

“ *One of the best ladies ever! Love you sweet lady! RIP Betty*



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**Gail Martin** - February 16, 2024 at 08:16 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about Aunt Betty Our prayers go out to all of you*

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**Kat Schaefer** - February 16, 2024 at 12:11 AM

JM

“ *Our sincere condolences. Such a beautiful person, kind, caring, loving. Rest in peace Betty.*  
*Rey & Jonnie Martinez*

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**Jonnie B Martinez** - February 15, 2024 at 11:14 PM



“ *Brian Blair lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson*



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**Brian Blair** - February 15, 2024 at 10:31 PM

CD

“ *Carol Dickson lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson*



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**Carol Dickson** - February 15, 2024 at 10:27 PM

SG

“ *Steve and Anita Graber purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson.*



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**Steve and Anita Graber** - February 15, 2024 at 08:41 PM

LT

“ Will miss this beautiful soul. One of the kindest, helpful, funny ladies that has left us with a heavy heart. Thank you for letting me be a part of your life, I will never forget you.  
My condolences to the families



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**Linda Torres** - February 15, 2024 at 07:40 PM

AC

“ Ms Betty those of us that have ever cross paths with you knew you were a special lady. Beautiful inside and out. Thank you for our years of seating together in church. Your gentle smile and kind words for all of us. The best mother, grandmother and great grandmother and aunt I have ever seen. We can't say enough kind words for the special lady. Our thoughts and prays are for all your family. We love you Betty and will miss you deeply !



*Anne Coleman and family*

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**Anne Coleman** - February 15, 2024 at 07:22 PM

CD

“ Carol Dunagan lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson



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**Carol Dunagan** - February 15, 2024 at 07:20 PM

AT

“ Anselmo Bertha Torres sent a virtual gift in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson



Anselmo & Bertha Torres - February 15, 2024 at 06:47 PM



“ Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson



Betsy Ajeman - February 15, 2024 at 06:25 PM

JO

“ What a wonderful woman, she always had a smile for you when she was a volunteer at NCCH and whenever you met her on the street. She will be sadly missed :(



John & Linda

john - February 15, 2024 at 05:40 PM

JC

“ The sweetest lady I have ever known! Always a smile on her face💜 prayers for family and your precious memories 💜🙏



Judy Chastain - February 15, 2024 at 04:59 PM

EM

“ *Ellen Morris lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson*



Ellen Morris - February 15, 2024 at 04:38 PM

LG

“ *We're so sorry for your loss. It was always so nice seeing her smiling face at church and I know it brought great joy that her daughters took the time to attend with her this past year. I will truly miss see her friendly face.*



Lina Gomez - February 15, 2024 at 03:51 PM

DR

“ *Denise Gary Runyon lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson*



Denise & Gary Runyon - February 15, 2024 at 03:44 PM

MR

“ *Mary Jim Routt lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson*



Mary and Jim Routt - February 15, 2024 at 03:26 PM

MR

“ Betty was a sweet giving lady putting so many hours in for the hospital auxiliary. She will be missed by so many of us in the Willcox community.  
Mary and Jim Routt

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**Mary and Jim Routt** - February 15, 2024 at 03:24 PM

LB

“ Rest in peace! We will miss your sweet smile!  
Our sympathy, love and prayers to all of her Families!

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**LaDonna Burgess** - February 15, 2024 at 02:11 PM

GM

“ Gus Rita Morales sent a virtual gift in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson



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**Gus & Rita Morales** - February 15, 2024 at 01:28 PM

TD

“ Tiffany Douglas lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson



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**Tiffany Douglas** - February 15, 2024 at 01:13 PM

CC

“ *Such a very special lady, always friendly and kind. She'll be missed by many! Our condolences to the Thompson family your all in our thoughts and prayers ❤️*  
*Chad, Carol and Dylan Case*



**Carol Case** - February 15, 2024 at 01:11 PM

MV

“ *Michael Valenzuela lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson*



**Michael Valenzuela** - February 15, 2024 at 12:50 PM

EV

“ *Erlinda Valenzuela lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson*



**Erlinda Valenzuela** - February 15, 2024 at 12:50 PM

GA

“ *Gussie Sharon Arzberger sent a virtual gift in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson*



**Gussie and Sharon Arzberger** - February 15, 2024 at 12:38 PM

LT

“ *Lawrence & Angela Torres sent a virtual gift in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson*



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**Lawrence Rodriguez & Angela Torres** - February 15, 2024 at 12:07 PM

LW

“ *I have fond memories of this special friend. I still think about our trip to the Renaissance Festival. Betty, Jeanne and I had such a fun time!*



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**Louise Walden** - February 15, 2024 at 11:02 AM

DT

*Betty has been sister and friend to for 50 years when we met in Hyder. Are kids grew up together in Hyder. I will miss her for ever. She was a Saint to everyone. Now she is with Jerome her love. And with John, Jody, Harriet, Mike her son, these are some of her old friends from Hyder. She loved her kids and grandchildren so much and was proud of all of them. It will be real hard to say goodbye to her. I loved her dearly as a sister. But will join her some day.*

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**Donna Tryon** - February 18, 2024 at 02:14 PM