



Betty Beach

July 24, 1924 - June 21, 2012

A memorial service celebrating the life of Betty Beach, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 27, at the 1st Congregational United Church of Christ in Wadena, with Pastor Marli Danielson presiding. Betty passed away on June 21, 2012 in Denver, Colorado. A mother, school teacher, counselor, volunteer and golfer. Betty started life in Wadena, Minnesota, and after graduating from high school she went on to get her AA from Cottey College in Missouri. At the age of 39, she pursued a teaching degree from Saint Cloud State and, after graduation, went to work for the Orono School District. She taught business until she completed her Masters from the University of Minnesota. Betty completed the remainder of her career as a high school counselor for Orono. After retiring in 1986 she moved to Rancho Bernardo, California and fulfilled her dream of living on a golf course and playing as often as she wanted. She played in various leagues and in 2004 finally achieved the enviable 'hole in one'. In addition to the golf she also volunteered for her church and for a state park outside of Escondido. She had a great love for the Arts and supported the orchestra, many museums and the zoological society. P.E.O., a women's educational organization, was a major part of her life. She joined when she was 19 which made her a 68 year sister. While in California she helped start a P.E.O. chapter and served as its first president. That chapter has now grown to be a very successful group of women and they think of her often. About five years ago she started to develop dementia and her son moved her to Colorado so he could keep a

closer eye on her. She lived out her years in a beautiful assisted living home that specializes in dementia and alzheimer's. On Summer Solstice (June 21st) she passed away from a major stroke that was brought on by the dementia. She was preceded in death by her parents Ted and Dorothy Anderson of Wadena, and is survived by her son Steve, Broomfield, CO, brother and sister in law Bill & MaryLou Anderson, Alexandria MN and their two children Bill and Carol. Betty was always a very up and energizing woman and will be missed by all who knew her. The family has asked that if you would like to remember her, rather than send a card or flowers donate the dollars to a local charity of your choice. In these economic times every dime helps those that Betty loved and supported.