



Betty Bucciarelli
Beautiful Woman
At 89
 Mother of 3
 Grandmother of 7
 Great-Grandmother of 9

On November 30th, 1930 in Omaha, Nebraska, Betty Anna Hollon made an appearance in the world. Betty got her middle name from her grandmother Margaret Anna. Betty had an older brother and later 3 more younger siblings joined the family. She spent a lot of time helping her mother in the home with her siblings.

During her childhood, her father (Earl) worked at the local packing plant and had other odd jobs. In 1948 Earl accepted a position in Pueblo, Colorado to help open a new meat packing plant called the Alpha Beta Meat Packing Plant. Her family packed up and moved from Omaha to Pueblo. Betty found it difficult to move to a new place considering she was a sophomore in high school. Her dad was also a championship bowler and won several National Championships.

Betty's mom was the family dynamo and managed the household pretty much independently. Betty has many fond memories of her mother. She always had fun activities such as making paper dolls and crafts for her and her siblings to do. Betty recalls Christmas was always special in their home, they didn't unwrap gifts until they had a wonderful breakfast that consisted of biscuits and gravy and other scrumptious foods. The same tradition consists today. Her family never traveled anywhere during the holidays. Those times were for family and to allow the family to enjoy one another.

Advice to others: Be Kind to one another. The Lord says --Love one another as I have loved you.

One thing she looked forward to is her grandma and grandpa coming to visit from Missouri. She loved to see them and missed them very much. Colorado and Missouri had many miles between them.

Betty's neighborhood was a great collection of families with children and she recalls the closeness she felt. Betty attended parochial school in Omaha and her fondest memories were of the wonderful Christmas Programs they had. In her youthful days she enjoyed reading books and helping care for her siblings.

After Betty moved to Pueblo and after graduating, she later began a career in Finance. She worked for banks for around 15 years and then for credit unions for about 15 years. That is a 30-year career in the financial arena. She loved her job; it was rewarding and she met so many different people. Betty was also delighted that many of the clients only wanted to deal with her directly. One patron of the bank would not leave her deposit unless Betty was there.

Betty married her first husband Edgar McGhee when she turned 19. He worked for DGR Railroad, CF&I, Arapahoe Foods and Prudential Insurance. They later became the proud parents of three beautiful girls, Kristina, Suzanne and Kathleen. Those girls blessed her with 7 wonderful Grand Children and 9 Great-Grandchildren. When asked what her greatest accomplishment in life is, Betty responded by saying her three exceptional daughters.



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