

Betty Jeanne Skelton

Occupant Name: Betty Jeanne Skelton

Location: **Section 8, Lot 9**

Date of Birth: 5/25/1932

Date of Death: 6/25/2007

Date of Burial: 6/27/2007

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: Betty Skelton

Multiple Occupants: No

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Betty Jeanne Skelton

May 25, 1932 – June 23, 2007

Betty Jeanne Skelton, 75, Brownstown, died at 7:40 a.m. Saturday, June 23, 2007, at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Skelton was of the Methodist faith. She was a teacher and librarian for 28 years at Seymour High School, retiring in 2000. She had been currently employed at Southern Indiana Center for the Arts. She belonged to Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Delta Kappa Gamma, Bridge Club, Renaissance at Seymour High School and Retired Teachers Association and Handweavers Guild of America. She was a graduate of Speedway High School in 1950 and graduated from Indiana University with bachelor's and master's degrees.

She was not the typical mother/grandmother for her age. She was a lifelong learner who had a zest for life, always looking for the next adventure that would take her to the next place. She loved to travel and visited ground zero to witness firsthand the devastation. She also traveled to Vietnam/China with a medical group to help support Vietnamese who needed eyeglasses and has continued contact via e-mail with one young girl to monitor her progress. She also traveled several times to Europe and related to her family the silly stories that could happen only to Betty. She loved family vacations with children and grandchildren to the Smoky Mountains, wading in the streams and listening to the quietness of the mountains. She always wrote inspirational notes with each gift that was given to members of her family that will be cherished always. Music was also a big part of Betty's life. Her father was a high school band director who taught her husband, Keith, music lessons in the seventh grade, which is how Betty and Keith met.

working at Seymour High School and most importantly with the students. She felt all students had so much potential that if they were pointed in the right direction, they would all enjoy life to the fullest. She was also instrumental in the founding of the Renaissance program at Seymour High School and has been active in this program since her retirement. The family has lost one of their best friends, but she would want all to know the words that she lived by: Live Well, Laugh Often, Love Much.

Born May 25, 1932, in Carmel, she was a daughter of Dalton Wicker and Gladys Doane Wicker. Her father preceded her in death, and her mother survives in Brownstown. On Dec. 24, 1953, in Huntingburg, she married Gordon Keith Skelton, who preceded her in death Jan. 28, 2002.

Survivors include two daughters, Sheryl (Lynn) Tiemeyer, Vallonia, and Vicki (Terry) Wolka, Scottsburg; six grandchildren, Luke (Amanda) Tiemeyer, Vallonia, Ben (Jodi) Tiemeyer, Medora, Jessica Tiemeyer, Vallonia, Craig Wolka, Indianapolis, and Elloree Wolka and Emilee Wolka, both of Scottsburg; and four great-grandchildren, Jalen Tiemeyer, Kiernan Tiemeyer and Quentin Tiemeyer, all of Medora, and Gavin Tiemeyer, Vallonia.

The Rev. Ralph Blomberg will conduct funeral services at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Spurgeon Funeral Home, Brownstown. Burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery, Brownstown.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 1 p.m. until time of service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to the Keith Skelton Scholarship Fund at Brownstown Central High

