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Poy Sippi, Wisconsin

Beth "Betty" Marion Hanke, age 92, of Poy Sippi, died Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at Sterling House in Oshkosh with family at her side reading to her the promises of resurrection and eternal life. She was born December 11, 1919, in Poy Sippi to the late James Howard and Minnie (Austin) Smith. Betty attended the one-room Fountain Valley School and was a 1939 graduate of the Bethel SDA Academy in Arpin, Wisconsin. On August 30, 1939, she married Norman Hanke at her home. Soon after they were married, they moved to the farm south of Poy Sippi which they later purchased and lived there together for 70 years, until well into her 90th year.

Betty and Norman developed a love of camping and hiking. They spent many weekends and vacations camping with their children and grandchildren in the North Woods of Wisconsin, the Rocky Mountains in the western states and Canada, and exploring the ocean shores of Oregon and Washington. After retirement they became members of the Safari Club and drove the Alaskan Highway three times. Betty loved to photograph her family as well as her vacations and enjoyed showing off her photo books.

Betty was employed for 23 years by the Realist Company in Berlin and was a highly-skilled grinder and polisher of lenses for precision optical equipment. She was a life-long member of the Poy Sippi Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Betty is survived by three children, Daryl (Mary) Hanke, of Pine River; Marlene (Terry) Seifert, of Butte des Morts; Beverly Ross, of Wisconsin Rapids; grandchildren, Diane Hanke, of Oshkosh; Debra (John Paul) Navarro, of Naperville, Illinois; Kelly (Fonda) Seifert, of Berrien Center, Michigan; Shelly (Seth) Morrison, of Berrien Springs, Michigan; and Katie Ross (Dave Holden), of Sydney, Australia; great-grandchildren, John-Luke, Nicholas, and Alexander Navarro; Zachary and Nathan Seifert; and Luke Patrick and Evie Jane Morrison; and nieces and nephews.

Along with her parents, Betty was also preceded in death by her husband Norman, on November 12, 2009; one brother, Raymond Smith; and one sister, Lucille Erickson.

Cremation has taken place and a Committal Service and inurnment will be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. at the Poy Sippi Cemetery. A Memorial Service will be on Tuesday, May 1 at 3:00 p.m. at Mueller Funeral Home, Winneconne, with Pastor Joseph Arner officiating. A Visitation for family and friends will be on Tuesday at the funeral home from 2:30 p.m. until the time of the service at 3:00 p.m. Following the memorial service a meal will be provided by Betty's family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Betty's name can be made to the charity of your choice.

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