



Betty Berkowski

August 27, 1967 - September 2, 2025

Betty Berkowski, 57, of Rockford, passed away on September 2, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family. Born August 27, 1967, in Sycamore, Daughter of Andrew Jackson and Myrtle (Simmons) Dunn.

Betty graduated from Jefferson High School, class of 1985, and went on to attend Rock Valley College. She worked at Woodward as a deburring operator and later at Lowe's Distribution Center, where her kindness and humor left a lasting mark on her coworkers. Betty lived her life with a generous heart and a gift for making others feel cared for. Known affectionately as the "candy lady," she always had treats to share and a smile to brighten someone's day. She loved to feed everyone around her, making sure no one left her table hungry, often insisting on second helpings. A fresh pot of coffee was always nearby—something she enjoyed most when shared with family and friends. Creative and resourceful, Betty had a knack for DIY projects, decorating, and fixing just about anything. She also found peace in bird watching and joy in the simple pleasures of everyday life. Her greatest joy, however, was her family. Betty was a devoted mother who sheltered and protected her daughters, offering comfort and reminding them that no matter how tough life became, things would work out in the end. Recently, she embraced the role of grandmother, proudly becoming "Grandma B." Her love and excitement for her grandchildren were boundless. Betty's loyal dog, Max, was also her constant companion and another source of happiness in her life. Survived by her daughters; Tonya (Ben) Conklin, Tiffany Johnson; grandchildren, Paisley

Conklin, Damian Reyes Medina, Piper Conklin; siblings, Martha (Danny) Turman, Ted (Sharon) Dunn, Samantha "Mandy" (James) Cavanaugh; several nieces, nephews, cousins and beloved dog, Max. Preceded in death by her parents; sister, Shirley Oberg,; former spouse, JR Berkowski; and dog, Lexor. A Celebration of Betty's Life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made in her memory to the family. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com

Tribute Wall

MB

“ So sorry for your loss!! Betty was a great friendly and caring person! Only knew her a short period of time but enjoyed seeing and talking to her at work everyday. Always smiling chatting and making every day better!!

michael bielski - October 08, 2025 at 07:03 PM

MF

“ Betty and Mike and I were inseparable coworkers and friends! I'm truly heartbroken to hear she passed while I was in the hospital and I wasn't there to say goodbye. She was truly an amazing soul. She was a great friend. She was just beautiful inside and out.

Melissa Flores - October 05, 2025 at 06:24 PM

NC

“ Betty had such a beautiful soul and smile, she will be missed!!! Sending condolences to her family.

Nicole Croft - September 17, 2025 at 01:15 PM

TJ

“ My mom was such a beautiful and caring mother, she was always there to tell me everything is okay and it would always comfort me. Me and my mom shared amazing memories together. I miss you so much mama I hope you are in peace now. I love you mama forever. Thank you for being my mom.

Tiffany johnson - September 16, 2025 at 09:53 AM

BH

“ We are so sad to hear about Betty, she used to watch our children many years ago. We would run into her here and there and it was always wonderful to see her smiling beautiful self and just talk and catch up. She will be extremely missed. Our sincere condolences to her family.



Sincerely, Cory & Brandy Hendricks

Brandy Hendricks - September 11, 2025 at 12:49 PM

KW

“ Very saddened to hear Betty passed away. I met Betty at Lowe's Distribution. She was always pleasant and kind to me as well to others. We got along very well to the point that we kept in touch long after I left Lowe's Distribution. I can tell you she had a heart of gold and she loved her family. She would often talk to me about her children. She was very proud of them. That includes her dog, lol. And I know she absolutely loved her grand children. She spoke of them often. She would speak of her love for her sisters. Betty spoke of many things to me, including her faith in God. It saddens me to know that she left this world , but I believe she now resides in heaven. She was a good hearted soul and I am thankful that our paths crossed. Betty wasn't just an associate to me, she was a friend. I am sorry for the family's loss. Rest in Peace, Betty

My deepest sympathy,

Kevin Ware

Kevin Ware - September 11, 2025 at 08:35 AM

SH

“ Tonya, So sorry to find that you have lost your mom. She sounds like a beautiful lady, inside and out. Indeed she was fortunate to enjoy her grandkids, don't hesitate to tell them stories about her and show them lots of pictures. Don't be surprised how many times memories of times spent with her will pop into your mind, enjoy those moments.

Shirley Poggioli

Shirley - September 10, 2025 at 11:41 PM

BH

“ Our sincere condolences to Betty's family . We are Very sad to hear of her passing. She used to watch our kids when they were little many many years ago. We'd run into Betty here and there and would share updates with each other. She will be extremely missed she was a beautiful person always with a smile .

Sincerely Cory & Brandy Hendricks



Brandy Hendricks - September 10, 2025 at 08:17 PM