

FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH

Kijabe Kids

in loving Memory of Betty Richter



“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants.”

Psalm 116:15

This verse reminds us of many faithful servants, our parents, grandmothers, godmothers, and friends, who taught us faith in God and have gone before us to heaven. As you read the beautiful life story of Mrs. Betty Richter, you can just hear Jesus says, “Betty, well done, my good and faithful servant.”

We would like to dedicate the Mission of the Month for February to her loving memory and the legacy of faithful servants she leaves behind, her children, including our own Margi McLain, who loves each of us unconditionally; her grandchildren, one of whom is Arianna McLain Shirk, medical missionary in Kenya, and her many great grandchildren, faithful servants of the future.

All monetary donations for Mission of the Month in February will go to support the very poor and tiny patients of Dr. Arianna McLain Shirk, a neonatal pediatric physician, working in a Christian hospital in Kijabe, Africa. Arianna believes every patient, no matter how poor, deserves the best treatment available and each day she fights to help them survive.



Dr. Arianna McLain Shirk
working with some
of her
tiny patients.



Elizabeth J. (Betty) Richter

Elizabeth J. "Betty" Richter, 93, of Mount Dora, passed away into the arms of Jesus on Thursday, January 11, 2018. Born in Hanlontown, Iowa, and raised in Litchfield, Minnesota, she moved to Mount Dora, Florida in 2011, alongside her husband, Erwin. She lived six decades in Lewiston, Minnesota, where she raised her six children and worked in the family businesses of farming, real-estate and insurance. She graduated from Iowa State University and had a life-long appetite for learning. She was an excellent writer and was known to devour entire books in a single day! Betty was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lewistown, Minnesota, where she was very active with Bible Study, the Ladies Aid (LWML), and the Silo Serenader's Kitchen band. Betty's hobbies included Bible study, writing, reading, Scrabble, exercise, and keeping track of her growing family. Two of her granddaughters wrote, “She had an easy smile that she generously shared with others” and “She covered her family through purposeful daily prayer and devotion to the Lord.” She is survived by her 2 sons: John P. (Denise) Richter, Charlotte, NC, James "Jim" (Sara) Richter, Yorkville, IL; 3 daughters: Elizabeth "Liz" Hobert, Mount Dora, FL, Margaret "Margi" (Phil) McLain, Salem, SC, Ruth (Ed) Doepel, Yorkville, IL; 4 sisters: Margaret Steinkraus, Bloomington, IL, Janice Morris, Northfield, MN, Roberta Riebe, Windom, MN, Carol Marshall, Northfield, MN; 18 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Erwin P. Richter, her son, William "Bill" Richter and son-in-law, Rev. Bruce Hobert. A memorial service was held at Garden of Life Chapel at Waterman Village, Mount Dora on Friday, January 26, 2018 at 2:00 PM. Another memorial service will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church (Silo) in Lewiston, MN on April 16th at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow at Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery.