



Adele Margeurite Benson

September 14, 1927 - October 30, 2022

Adele Margeurite (Borgendale) Benson, 95, of Minnetonka passed away on October 30, 2022. Born on September 14, 1927 in Montevideo, MN, she grew up as the youngest of 11 surviving siblings, with ages spanning 24 years, on the family farm outside of Montevideo. Attended elementary school at Lac Qui Parle village school and high school at Montevideo High School graduating in 1945. Attended Fairview Hospital School of Nursing in Minneapolis under scholarship of the last V-2 program of WWII. After graduating in 1948 and easily passing her MN state board exams she worked as a registered nurse in Minneapolis until late 1952. Her sweetheart Lee Benson from Minnesota had enlisted in the US Navy during the Korean War. They were married January 1, 1953, in a dress she sewed herself, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Dawson MN while Lee was on leave, and she moved to Washington, D.C. where Lee was stationed. Adele continued to work there as a nurse, and they welcomed their first of four children. After Lee was honorably discharged and returned to the University of MN, Adele worked part time at Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis. After Lee graduated, Adele and Lee gradually added the last three of four children to their family as they moved for Lee's work to LaCrosse WI twice, St. Louis MO, Montgomery AL, Wausau WI, and Clintonville WI. With every move Adele kept the household going, was a wonderful mother, continued her love of sewing and needlework, and managed to fit in working part-time, preferring working in obstetrics-gynecology, as well as teaching birthing classes until her retirement in 1990. After retirement, 100% Norwegian Adele traveled with Lee

to Norway and Sweden several times as well as to China, Central Europe, Alaska, and throughout the US. Besides her dedication to her faith, family, and friends, Adele was a lifelong member of the Lutheran church serving as a volunteer and in leadership roles on church councils, church women's groups, conducting Bible studies, chaperone on youth trips, and many other activities. They eventually moved back "home" to the Twin Cities. Preceded in death by 17 days by her husband of nearly seventy years LeDell "Lee" Benson, her oldest child daughter Diane, father Louis H. Borgendale, mother Othelia Annette (Heieren) Borgendale, sisters and brothers-in-law Agnes (Henry) Norem, Mae Helen Borgendale (infant), Helen (Ralph) Aamot, Evelyn (Orville) Anderson, Warena (Robert) Behrens, Delores (John) Benson, brothers and sisters-in-law Herbert (Minnie) Borgendale, LeRoy (Irene) Borgendale, Malcolm (Lydia) Borgendale, Bertram (Arlene) Borgendale, Leo (Brunhild) Borgendale, sister-in-law & brother-in-law Wilma (Marion) Beito, Survived by sons Brian and Jon, daughter Karen, grandchildren Brianna (Donald), Matthew (Melissa), David (Kristin), Andrew (Anna Marie), Allison, Jennifer, Justan & Gabrielle, 7 great-grandchildren, many nieces & nephews. Funeral Service Saturday 11/5 4 PM, Visitation 2 hours before the Funeral Service from 2 PM-4 PM at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 W. 50th St., Edina; Burial of both Adele & Lee Monday 11/7 11:15 AM Fort Snelling National Cemetery, 7601 34th Ave S, Mpls. In lieu of flowers, Memorial gifts preferred to Oak Knoll Lutheran Church youth fund; ICA Food Shelf; Hopkins American Legion Post 320 youth fund.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Memorial Service

NOV 5. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Adele Marguerite Benson in memory of Adele Margeurite Benson



Washburn-McReavy - November 01, 2022 at 12:17 PM



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Jon Benson - January 24, 2023 at 08:59 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Adele Margeurite Benson.



November 02, 2022 at 10:44 AM