



Ardeth Louise Bircher

July 23, 1935 - April 10, 2026

Bircher, Ardeth "Ardy" (Laabs), age 90, of Columbia Heights, passed away April 10, 2026. Preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Alice Laabs; sister, Delores Brix; brother, Gary Laabs; and great-granddaughter, Liliana.

Survived by daughter, Rebecca Erickson; sons, Ronald Bircher and Randall (Barbara) Bircher; grandchildren, Tiffany Ellis, Lindsey Gustafson, Nicolas Erickson, James (Katie) Bircher, Eleanor (Kyle) Thibodeau, and Abigail (Jacob) Thompson; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Ardy was born on the family farm outside of Echo, Minnesota. She attended country school there until her family moved to Minneapolis. She attended 9th grade at Roosevelt High School before enrolling at Minnehaha Academy as a sophomore, graduating in 1952.

Ardy was a highly valued office administrator during her working years and later gave generously of her time as a volunteer at the local food shelf for many years. She also participated in numerous charitable events, including several walking marathons.

An avid walker well into her 70s, Ardy was also a highly regarded seamstress who took on many detailed and meticulous projects. She enjoyed crafts, especially cross-stitching, crocheting, and knitting, and knitted hundreds of hats and mittens that she joyfully donated to schools and youth organizations. Known as Grandma "B" to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Ardy was a consistently strong, steady, and loving presence in their lives. She took great joy and pride in her family.

Ardy will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her family, friends, and all those whose lives she touched.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Memorial Service

APR **20**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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