



Audrey May Yates

March 10, 1925 - February 4, 2025

Audrey May Yates passed away 02/04/2025. Family and friends alike were hoping to celebrate Audrey's 100th birthday but the lord had other plans. Born March 10, 1925, in Darfur, Minnesota, Audrey eventually made her way with family to Minneapolis. She met her future husband Herman Yates at the Prom Ballroom, where they fell in love and danced the night away. On October 9, 1948 the couple married at St Stephens Catholic Church, in South Minneapolis.

Besides her love of dance, Audrey was known to be a master quilter creating designs that were often colorful and unique. She was a loving matriarch to her five children, 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. She worked over 20 years for Vincent Brass and at retirement the company presented her an all paid Hawaiian vacation. A dream came true. Audrey was an amazing cook who used the fresh ingredients from the family garden. Audrey and Herman loved to explore country roads near their cabin on Balsam and forge berries. The result was tasty jams and home made wines. Her cookie jar was famous and always packed with delicious morsels. She loved to spend time with her best friend and younger sister Murva Jacobsen. They brought their families together for holidays and in retirement they became snowbirds and enjoyed the warmth of Southern Texas. But above all else she loved to laugh and when you got her going, she found it hard to stop. Audrey has left this world a better place. Rest in peace.

Audrey was preceded in death by parents, Henry and Mable; Sister, Murva Jacobsen and Brother, John Welling (Jack). Survived by Daughters, Diana (Mike Hovatter), Cynthia (Geno Komarec), sons, Daniel (Lyn deceased), Thomas (Linda), Jeffery (Lesli); Eleven grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Visitation Tuesday, February 18th 5-8 PM at Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel; 2610 - 19th Avenue NE, Minneapolis. Mass of Christian Burial 10 AM (visitation 9-10 AM) at St. Mark's Church; 2001 Dayton Ave., St. Paul. Interment Hillside Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)

2600 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

FEB 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark's Church
2001 Dayton Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark's Church
2001 Dayton Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

Graveside Service

FEB **19**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)
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Tribute Wall

AM

“ One time me and Great Grandma were playing kings and the Conor's and she started saying "To Hard. I just don't understand it", and after I won she repeated it and then she decided that cribbage was way easier

Amelia - July 15, 2025 at 03:43 PM

DH

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Diana (Yates) Hovatter - April 24, 2025 at 07:57 PM

RO

“ I met Audrey when I was 20 yrs old. I wanted to be on a bowling league and I joined Audrey's team. We bowled many years together. We won a few first place trophies together. She was such a wonderful lady.

Roxane - April 12, 2025 at 01:13 PM

MY

“❤️ *We love you Grandma/Great Grandma!! Forever in our heart*



Myia - February 20, 2025 at 07:06 PM

LA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



lesli asher - February 15, 2025 at 10:00 AM



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February 13, 2025 at 08:00 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



February 13, 2025 at 07:58 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Audrey memories



Sara Hovatter - February 10, 2025 at 11:26 PM