



## Bernadine Ethel Becklund

March 23, 1928 - August 31, 2023

Age 95, of Vadnais Heights MN, formally of Port Orange Florida and Duluth, MN. died Thursday, August 31, 2023. She lived a fiercely independent life despite enduring Alzheimer's for 5 ½ years.

She was born March 23, 1928 to Ralph and Flora Churchill. Preceded in death by husbands Alvin Bierbaum and Robert Becklund, sister Belle Davis and niece Maurita Davis. Bernie is survived by son Ralph (Janet Kay) Bierbaum, step-daughters Melanie (Randy) Dalbec, Lorrie Becklund and step-granddaughter Allisa Becklund. Also survived by "adopted" daughter Lois Lindskog (Lynn Peterson).

Our deepest gratitude and love to all of the staff of SuiteLiving Senior Care of Vadnais Heights, who cared for her with love and compassion.

Bernie often referred to herself as a "Tough Old Bird," perhaps due to her surviving a small plane crash in 1948. She was trained as a medical secretary and later owned, with her husband Robert, the Super Kleen Auto Mat Car Wash and DX gas station in Duluth.

Bernie loved doing Hardinger embroidery, reading and her Persian cats. She served as Treasurer of Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Duluth, for many years and as lector, for 15 years, at All Saints Lutheran Church in Daytona Beach, FL.

A service of Remembrance will be held September 14 at 11AM (visitation 10AM) at Shepard of the Hills Lutheran Church, 3920 North Victoria St, Shoreview, MN, followed by lunch reception.

Arrangements by Henry-Holcomb-Bloom-Purcell Funeral Home, Shoreview,  
MN

# Tribute Wall

JZ

“ *Ralph and Jan,  
My condolences for your loss. Bernie was a beautiful soul. I'm  
certain you both miss her very much.*

*Jennifer*

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**Jennifer Zehr** - September 15, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sorry for the loss of your loved one. My thoughts and prayers are  
with you.*

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**Gwen pyne** - September 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I loved her so much I'm so very sorry*

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**Leandra Argo** - September 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Ralph and Janet*

*Thinking about you and wishing you peace  
during this difficult time.*

*Ana*

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**Ana** - September 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM



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“ *Bernie was always a very kind & compassionate person. I never heard a negative word come from her in all the years I knew her.* ”



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**Scott and Sue Saxton** - September 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *A great loss of a kind, caring women. Bernie lived next door to me in Duluth when I grew up, and was there for me a few times when I needed someone. I haven't seen her for years, but thought of her often. My sympathies to her family.* ”

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**Sue Pelofske (Maruska)** - September 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM