



## Bernice Sylvia Paulson

November 26, 1923 - June 30, 2024

Bernice Sylvia Paulson (Bunny), Née Simonson, was the embodiment of the Greatest Generation and of the American Dream. Born November 26, 1923, proudly raised in Benson, Minnesota, she told fond stories of her youth -- racing the train across town to be home in time for lunch and the day her childhood sweetheart, Marvel Palmer Paulson, asked her to sit in the front seat next to him, instead of her brother (where she remained for the next 50+ years). During WWII, she worked as a typist in a seed factory and married Marv when he returned from the War. They moved to Minneapolis to pursue their dreams and to build a family. Their lives were full of Friday night dancing, friendship, and large family dinners. Christmas dinner featured Klubb and other cherished Norwegian traditions. Over the decades, their family grew from 3 children, David (Kate, Sandra), Mark (Pat, Kathy), Kathy (Jerry) to 6 grandchildren, Ingrid (Alex) Natalie (Robert), Erik, Julia, Andrew, Christopher, and 5 great-grandchildren, Ryland, Ford, Whittaker, Cameron and Ella. At an age when many retired, Marv and Bunny invested their savings to found MedTek, ultimately employing 40 workers. Bunny was the friend, mother, grandmother, and matriarch who was always there for you. She was a wealth of life experience and wisdom, both practical and esoteric. Bunny was a fanatical golfer who had a hole-in-one in her 80's, a world traveler, line dancer, swimmer, crossword pro, avid reader, game-show enthusiast and a consummate sale shopper - Christmas would find her hidden in the attic, wrapping presents she'd gathered for months. Her peanut brittle and cookies

were legendary; Mark was often accused of hiding them for himself. She was quick to laugh, fast to tease, but most eager to extend a helping hand. She was beloved by all who were blessed to know her during her extraordinary 100 years. She was preceded in death by Marv, David, Mark, and Andrew. We will miss you so, Bunny!

Please join us to celebrate her extraordinary life on July 15, 2024 at Gethsemane Lutheran (715 Minnetonka Mills Rd, Hopkins):  
10:00 Welcome, 11:00 Funeral with a Luncheon to follow. 1:30 at Lakewood Cemetery.

Bunny loved color so let's honor her by wearing bright and beautiful colors! In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church (Hopkins)  
715 Minnetonka Mills Road  
Hopkins, MN 55343

## Funeral Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church (Hopkins)  
715 Minnetonka Mills Road  
Hopkins, MN 55343

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ingrid P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernice Sylvia Paulson.

Ingrid P. - July 14, 2024 at 01:09 PM

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“ Julia, Chris, Sandra, Kathy and Karen purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bernice Sylvia Paulson.



Julia, Chris, Sandra, Kathy and Karen - July 12, 2024 at 06:07 PM

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Julia, Chris, Sandra, Kathy and Karen - July 12, 2024 at 06:07 PM

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“ Marianne H. purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Bernice Sylvia Paulson.



Marianne H. - July 12, 2024 at 11:04 AM

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“ *Marianne H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernice Sylvia Paulson.*

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**Marianne H.** - July 12, 2024 at 11:04 AM