



## Bertha Elsie Hannu

September 18, 1920 - January 19, 2024

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Bertha Elsie Hannu (nee Weiss) passed away peacefully at home on January 19, 2024 at the age of 103.

Born near Giese, Minnesota to Herman and Lena Weiss on September 18, 1920, Bertha (Betsy/Bets) was the only girl, with three older brothers (Eddie, August and Ervin). She attended the local country school through eighth grade, then went to St. Paul as a young woman to work as a maid, at the Angus Hotel and then in a private home.

Bertha met her future husband, Fred Hannu, at the Pine Lake Dance Hall. During the time that Fred served in World War II, she made bullets at Twin City Ordinance. Shortly afterward, in 1946, she and Fred married, and made their home in Robbinsdale, where Fred worked for Pako Corporation.

When Fred passed away at the age of 51, Bertha learned to drive and found a job, working for the Musicland Corporation for a number of years, and also in a hotel gift shop. Bertha enjoyed the daily crossword puzzle, gardening, cooking, sewing, going to rummage sales, and traveling with family and friends. She was a member of Redeemer for 70+ years where she taught Sunday School and served on the Altar Guild. Bertha loved the Lord and her

life serves as an example for all. She is survived by her daughters, Barb Gamache (Bill) and Deb Hannu (Pat Thomson), grandchildren (Steve, Laurie and David), great-grandson (Thomas), and two sisters-in-law.

Memorials may be directed to the Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance.

# Cemetery Details

## Finnish Lutheran Cemetery

Finlayson, MN 55735

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church  
4201 Regent Avenue North  
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

## Church Service

JAN **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Graveside Service

JAN **29**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM.

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Finlayson, MN