



## Betsy Elaine Mitchell

November 8, 1940 - September 27, 2023

Mitchell, Betsy E., age 82, of Roseville, MN died September 27, 2023. Betsy Elaine Ross was born November 8, 1940 and was raised near Kokomo, IN. While attending Ball State Teachers College in Muncie, IN for her teaching degree in education, English and speech, she met Paul Mitchell who was attending Purdue University.

Together they enjoyed 60 years of togetherness, travel, and adventures. After her teaching for two years, they moved to Minneapolis in 1965 where Betsy was an advocate for her neighbors and her northeast Minneapolis community. She worked as an Executive Secretary at several companies, the longest at a General Electric sales office. As a volunteer she served on the board and as president of Windom Park Citizens in Action, as well as many other community task forces and committees. Her contributions included Central Avenue improvements, the Mississippi riverfront, the local grocery co-op start-up, and many additional endeavors impacting the Windom Park neighborhood of Minneapolis. Betsy worked to engage her fellow community members in city issues and projects, including through the Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

Betsy also became a serious tennis player and then a coach. She and Paul were enthusiastic bicyclists and major fans of the University of Minnesota Gopher women's basketball and the Lynx, making friends every step of the

way. She was an avid backyard birdwatcher and a cat-lover. After 35 years living, working and playing in N.E. Minneapolis, the couple retired to Applewood Pointe of Roseville, with a view to enjoy to long retirement.

Betsy was preceded in death by her father, U. Blaine Ross, her mother Josephine Faye Ross, and her brother Robert Alan Ross. She is survived by husband Paul; sisters-in-law Diana Keefe and Janelle Miller; nieces Betsy (Gregg) Townsend of Indiana and Roberta (Dusty) Huntley of North Dakota, great nieces Sarah and Stephanie of central Indiana, great nephews Kevin and Kyle of North Dakota, great grand nieces and nephews and many friends. We will always remember her for her great sense of humor, infectious laugh and her unconditional love.

Funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, 2023, with visitation one hour prior at the Washburn-McReavy Northeast Chapel, 2901 Johnson St. NE, Minneapolis. The service will be livestreamed and viewed online through Betsy's obituary page at [www.washburn-mcreavy.com](http://www.washburn-mcreavy.com). Memorials preferred to a charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Northeast Chapel  
2901 Johnson Street N.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55418  
(612) 781-6828  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

## Chapel Service

OCT 9. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Betsy Elaine Mitchell in memory of Betsy Elaine Mitchell



Washburn-McReavy - September 28, 2023 at 02:08 PM

GS

“ My dear Betsy, We met in 1964 and I've been privileged to know your friendship, your humor, your loyalty and your love. Over the years, you were there to support me in troubled times and give generously of your time and friendship. Always love you, Gerry

gerry strong - October 10, 2023 at 03:58 PM

KR

“ Paul - I am so sorry to hear of Betsy's passing. The first time we met was when she stopped by my house on Walden Place. My daughter Betsy was probably four and this was the first time she had met anyone with her name. I have such fond memories of the many hours we spent working through issues related to Windom Park and the greater Northeast area. She was a strong advocate and leader and a delightful person as well. Kathy Radford

Kathy Radford - October 08, 2023 at 10:56 PM

JP

“ Paul,

*My sympathy and prayers are with you as you both grieve Betsy's passing and rejoice over her going home to heaven. I am grateful for many very pleasant visits across many years at Applewood.*

*John Parkos*

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**John Parkos** - October 08, 2023 at 01:06 PM

JK

“ *Having moved into Applewood Pointe of Roseville as "originals" in 2004 we were so lucky to share 19 years with Paul and Betsy. Both of them did so much to make this home a better place to live for all of us. Betsy served on many committees and headed up the Adopt a Pot program.*

*We enjoyed occasional dining with them where I learned a couple of things about her; she was adopted and classified herself as pudgy while growing up.*

*We are thankful this delightful soft spoken lady did not have suffer long with her memory problems and now is enjoying her eternal reward.*

*John & Diane Kilian*

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**John Kilian** - October 07, 2023 at 02:52 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Betsy Elaine Mitchell.*



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October 06, 2023 at 12:43 PM

VI

“ We will always remember Betsy as a terrific neighbor when we lived across the street on 23rd and Taft. She was a devoted lover of cats and birds (an unlikely combination). She always honored us with some of her baked goods at Christmas time. She had a great sense of humor and infectious laugh. And she loved her Stinson triangle neighborhood and actively worked to keep it great. Sad to hear she is gone. Vicky Rosen & Tim Zierman

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Vicky - October 01, 2023 at 01:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betsy Elaine Mitchell.



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October 01, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betsy Elaine Mitchell.

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October 01, 2023 at 12:46 PM

BT

“ To Uncle Mitch we love you so much. So many great memories of times with Aunt Betsy growing up putting her make up at grandma Ross kitchen table the great tiles at Como Zoo. Also chuckling at Aunt Betsy evening up all desserts so she could get one more bite. Her smile will always be etched in my mine. Her unconditional love to Gregg a d my family. Love you Uncle Mitch Keep in touch

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Betsy Townsend - September 30, 2023 at 10:14 AM