



Betty Joan Ball Cope

May 23, 2016

Cope, Betty Joan Ball 81, of Bloomington, passed away on May 23, 2016, after a valiant seven-month battle with brain cancer. Following a private graveside burial, a memorial service will be held Friday, May 27 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, 7227 Penn Avenue South, Richfield, Minnesota, 55423. After the service, all are invited to a gathering at the church. Survivors include her devoted husband of 58 years, Lewis; three daughters, Meg Cope Wang of Columbia, Missouri, Beth (Tim) Bentley of New Brighton, Minnesota, and Amy (Greg) Fitzharris of Atlanta, Georgia; her loving sister-in-law Peggy Cope Bailey of Houston, Texas; grandchildren Jennifer (Chris) Wang-Hall, Michael Wang, David Wang, Jack Fitzharris, Cope Fitzharris, William Fitzharris, Ethan Bentley and Anna Bentley; and her niece Claire (Zane) Fitterer and nephew Cope (Belinda) Bailey. Betty was born on September 3, 1934 in Tillery, North Carolina. She spent her formative years in Scotland Neck, North Carolina, graduating from Scotland Neck High School in 1950 as the class valedictorian. In 1955 Betty received a bachelor's degree in education from Meredith College in Raleigh, North Carolina, where she again graduated as the class valedictorian. Following in her mother's footsteps after graduating, she taught first grade at Matthew Whaley Elementary School in Williamsburg, Virginia. It was here that she met her partner for life, Lewis, and they married in 1958. Betty's greatest joy was raising her three girls. She also spent countless hours serving at St. Nicholas, as an Adult Education teacher, a lay reader, and a member of the altar guild. Betty was involved in numerous

organizations throughout her life. She was a member of D.A.R. and P.E.O. For over twenty-five years, Betty volunteered weekly in the Normandale Hills Elementary School library, sharing her love of books with generations of children. She was never happier than when she was surrounded by books. An Anglophile to the core, Betty enjoyed countless trips to Britain with Lewis, and a final trip to London shortly before her diagnosis. The family wishes to thank Dr. Bryan Trottier and the many other doctors at Methodist Hospital that cared for her, as well as all of the compassionate care providers at Castle Ridge, most especially Emmanuel Lawrence and David Pechachek. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to any of the following: St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, 7227 Penn Avenue South, Richfield, Minnesota, 55423, The Crossnore School, 100 DAR Drive/P.O. Box 249, Crossnore, NC 28616, or the American Cancer Society. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996