



Betty June Harper

June 6, 1928 - April 22, 2026

Harper, Betty

Age 97, of Apple Valley, passed away on April 22, 2026 surrounded by her family. Betty enjoyed reading, watching the Minnesota Twins, and spending time with her family. She was preceded in death by her husband Joe Harper, daughter Maureen Harper, and grandson, Jason Elander. She is survived by her son Greg (Katrina) Harper, daughters Pam (Doug) Moran, and Karen (Dan) Farrell, 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. May Betty's memory bring comfort to all who knew and loved her. Funeral service Thursday, May 7 at 10:30 a.m. at Washburn-McReavy Bloomington Chapel, 2300 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN. Visitation one hour prior to service.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Bloomington Chapel
2300 W Old Shakopee Rd
Bloomington, MN 55431
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Funeral Service

MAY 7. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Reception

MAY 7. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Betty June Harper in memory of Betty June Harper



Washburn-McReavy - April 30 at 09:31 AM

CP

While I dont have a lot of early memories of Aunt Betty like my cousins do since we moved to AZ when I was just 6, I do have good memories of Betty at various family reunions. My best memories tho are of she and Joe and Charlotte and Donnie coming to AZ and spending time with my parents and family. And in more recent years Betty and Charlotte visiting my Mom. We had some great conversations. I learned a lot about my aunts and my mother during those visits. Im still amazed at all they had seen and done in their many years. Im grateful for the special relationship my Mom had with her sisters. I hope they are laughing together again. Prayers for my cousins as they navigate this time.

Clare Patten-Welsh - May 03 at 04:16 PM

CP



Clare Patten-Welsh - May 08 at 12:43 PM

CP

“ Clare P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty June Harper.

Clare P. - May 04 at 07:44 PM

SK

“ Sheila, Rob, Shannon, Brian and Kevin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty June Harper.

Sheila, Rob, Shannon, Brian and Kevin - May 03 at 11:17 AM

SK

“ Sheila, Rob, Shannon, Brian and Kevin purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Betty June Harper.



Sheila, Rob, Shannon, Brian and Kevin - May 03 at 11:17 AM

SM

“ I remember the fun times we had with the Harpers during our shared summer vacations in the 1960's and 1970's. We alternated houses and, after everyone was born, it was 9 kids and 4 adults in a 3-bedroom house. The 8-hour drive on a 2-lane highway with 7 people in an un-airconditioned station wagon (before I-94 was completed) was brutal, but the trip was well worth it to be able to spend memorable time with family. Especially the years we had big family reunions, and everyone was in the Twin Cities at the same time. Always lots of lawn chairs in a giant circle, loud voices and laughter.

I especially remember one chilly day in the summer of 1967 - when we were staying with the Harpers - and Betty couldn't tell Brian and Kevin apart because they were wearing long pants. (Kevin had thicker calves than Brian.) It didn't help that my mom dressed them in matching Buster Brown outfits the entire week.

Betty was such a gentle, caring soul and we will always be grateful that she came to stay with us when my dad had surgery shortly after being diagnosed with mesothelioma in June of 1979.

I'm so happy I was able to spend several meaningful hours with Betty and Reenie when I was town in March of 2025. Especially since I hadn't seen Reenie in over 30 years.

Betty will be dearly missed.

Love,
Sheila (McLaughlin McDonell)

Sheila McDonell - May 03 at 10:42 AM

CL

“ I will always remember Betty as my very special Auntie and God Mother. Betty always made all my birthdays special. I remember one year she gave me a mustard seed necklace. A mustard seed necklace symbolizing that even a tiny amount of faith - as small as a mustard seed - can achieve great things, or "move mountains" it serves as a reminder of hope, potential, and spiritual growth, encouraging the wearer to trust in God during challenges. Betty was the best auntie anyone could ask for and will be deeply missed by me.

Love Cathy Larsen

cathy Larsen - May 01 at 03:11 PM

SS

“ Sandra S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty June Harper.

Sandra S. - May 01 at 10:37 AM

SM

“ I remember Betty as a beautiful woman inside and out. She was kind and caring and enjoyed spending time with her family. She was an immaculate homemaker. There was a white recliner in the living room and the rule was that no one could sit in it unless they just had a bath! Needless to say, my cousins and I never sat in it!

At least once a month my mom and dad would take us to spend a Saturday with the Harper's. The grownups would sit outside and talk and laugh. Peggy and I would go up to Pam and Reenie's room and play for hours. Those girls had the best playroom and we were so envious of them!

I remember when she and Charlotte came to visit us when we lived in Long Beach. It was such a thrill to have family come see us because we were so homesick for our Minnesota family. I loved watching the sisters talk and laugh. I could listen to them for hours!

Before my mom's death I took her to Arizona because Charlotte and Betty were visiting Marian. Again, I just sat listening to them share stories. There was so much love and laughter. This is a memory I cherish.

I remember Betty was the quiet sister. She was always very loving and caring and loved to laugh. Three years ago when I was visiting Minnesota, Joy and I went to visit Betty and Greg was there also. This was the first time I had been to the pretty house where I had sent Christmas cards to for years. Her house was beautiful, very clean and bright and cheery. We had a great visit and that day is the memory I hold deep in my heart, the last time I saw my dear Aunt Betty.

I love picturing Betty being reunited with her loved ones in Heaven. One day I will see my sweet Aunt Betty again and that warms my heart. I will miss you dear Betty! I am sending much love and my sincerest condolences to Greg, Pam and Karen.

Sandy Munger - April 29 at 02:38 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Betty June Harper.*



April 28 at 01:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty June Harper.

April 28 at 01:45 AM