



Betty Mae Carol Schmidt

December 25, 1924 - February 23, 2025

In Loving Memory of Betty Mae Carol Schmidt, 100 (1924-2025)

Betty Mae Carol Schmidt, whose life spanned more than a century, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 23, 2025, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Born on Christmas Day, December 25, 1924, in her family's home at 936 Charles Ave in St. Paul, Betty grew up surrounded by the love and support of three generations.

The youngest of four siblings by more than 16 years, Betty naturally embraced the spotlight. She enjoyed being the youngest child and all the privileges that came with it. She grew up in the Frogtown neighborhood of St. Paul, where her father operated a steam fitting business. There, she worked at a nearby dime store and later at American National Bank (now Bremer Bank). Among her favorite memories was marching in the St. Paul Winter Carnival Band. Around this time, she began enjoying the company of a charming neighborhood boy, William Adam Schmidt, Jr., who lived two blocks away. Betty married Bill in 1952 after a long courtship. Their lifelong bond endured until his unexpected passing in 1988. Together, they built a life rich in love and community, raising two children and welcoming four grandchildren.

After her early years in St. Paul, Betty moved to Roseville in 1956 with her husband, where they built a home and raised their family. Although she

embraced life in Roseville, Betty always considered herself a St. Paulite, living just a few blocks from the city. As a lifelong member of St. Paul Reformation Lutheran Church at the corner of Oxford and Laurel, her faith and community ties remained a constant source of strength.

Active and spirited, Betty embraced recreation throughout her life. For 30 years, she enjoyed weekly rounds of golf at the Cederholm Golf Course as part of the Tuesday Women's League and was a regular bowler in St. Paul and Roseville. Whether going to a cabin or visiting the North Shore, she relished going for a drive-especially when it included lunch and, most notably, chocolate. (Her passion for chocolate was legendary among those who knew her.)

An avid parkgoer, she cherished her weekly walks around Como Park with friends. She also loved exploring cemeteries with her children and grandchildren, reading tombstones, and reflecting on history. Betty had a keen interest in historic architecture and the past-she loved going to estate sales and driving along Summit Avenue to admire the grandeur of the mansions.

As the family's devoted matriarch, Betty cared deeply for her kin and preserved its rich history. Proud of her Swedish heritage, she was exceptionally passionate about storytelling. Betty's memory spanned over 100 years, while the family lore she retold reached back even further. Her role as the keeper of family history and traditions was perhaps her greatest passion.

Betty's life was marked by dry humor, quiet strength, and unwavering devotion to her family. Her legacy endures in the countless lives she shaped throughout her long and meaningful life.

Betty is survived by her daughter Sharon Ann Torkelson (Brian), son William Adam Schmidt III (Lisa), grandchildren Joshua Adam Torkelson, Jacob William Torkelson, William Adam Schmidt IV, and Katelyn Marie Schmidt, as

well as many other nieces, nephews, and loving friends.

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A viewing will be held on Saturday, March 1, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul Reformation Lutheran Church (100 Oxford St N) in St. Paul, Minnesota. The memorial service will commence at 11:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon at the church. A family burial will be held at Roselawn Cemetery at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes can be made to her beloved St. Paul Reformation Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

803 West Larpenteur Avenue
Roseville, MN 55113

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul-Reformation Lutheran Church
100 Oxford St. N
Saint Paul, MN 55104

Funeral Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Saint Paul, MN 55104

Graveside Service

MAR 1. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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