



Betty Jean Passer

January 29, 1928 - November 9, 2021

Age 93 of Maplewood,
formerly of Roseville

Died Tuesday, Nov.9, 2021, surrounded by her family. Betty was born in Waseca, MN, and when she was five, she moved to Winnebago, MN with her family. She graduated with her teaching certificate from Mankato State. Betty started her teaching career in Truman and Albert Lea. In 1952 she married Rev. Burton Passer and they served churches in Woodbury, Waseca, St. Paul and Marshall. During this time, she enrolled at the University of Minnesota, obtaining her Bachelor's degree in education, furthering her career while raising her family and supporting Burton's ministry. After her retirement, she devoted herself to learning the art of quilting, becoming an accomplished quilt designer. Betty gave her family many beautiful hand-made quilts and led a church group to make crib quilts, which they donated to various crisis nurseries around the Twin Cities. She was a precious wife and devoted mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Betty was an inspiration to her family as a model of loving kindness. Preceded in death by parents, Wesley and Elsie Mahler; husband, Burton; daughter, Katie Zechmeister; 2 stillborn grandchildren, Michael Salim and Rania Elizabeth Lagnaoui; 5 siblings, Thelma (Carroll) Davidson, Jim (Alice), Rick (Phyllis), Millie Oliver, Marge Ganzgow; and brother-in-law, Dr. Charles Schabacker. Survived by her children, Jean (Jim) Roemer, Judy Passer, Gloria (Joe Galban) Passer, Mary

(Michael Cohen) Lagnaoui; son-in-law, Howie Zechmeister; sister, Myra Schabacker; grandchildren, Christie (Michael) Rothbauer, Dan Roemer, Scott (Michele) Roemer, Ben (Hailey) Passer; great grandchildren, Mackenzie, Buddy, Trent, Maddie; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Burial 1:30 PM Friday Nov. 12 at Woodville Cemetery, Waseca, MN. Memorial Service 11:00 AM Sat, Nov. 13 at Path of Grace United Methodist Church, 759 County Road B East, Maplewood, MN (visitation 10 - 11 AM). Memorials preferred to Salvation Army or Second Harvest.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. I remember her hospitality from your time in Marshall.

Jeff Piehl - November 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Betty was a friend and clergy-spouse colleague for more than fifty years. what a gift she was, a person [in her family's words] of gentleness, kindness, cheerfulness, and unconditional love. she influenced us. she still does. thankful and grateful for our friendship and her many wonderful legacies.

Revd. Greg Renstrom - November 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM