



## Betty Jane Polunc

September 11, 1926 - March 26, 2020

Polunc, (Olsen) Betty Jane Passed away in her Minneapolis home on March 26, 2020. Betty was born in Minneapolis, to Norwegian immigrants, Ragnhild and Henry Olsen, on September 11, 1926. Betty was preceded in death by her husband Joseph Polunc, her sister Berniece Klefsaas, brother, Vernon Olsen, and several dear in-laws from Minneapolis, Whiting, Indiana, and Green Valley, Arizona. She is survived by her sister, Janice Klopp, son, Joseph Polunc (Vicki); her daughter, Joan Demeter (Terry); her daughter, Mary Jo Polunc; and son, John Polunc, many dear nieces and nephews, and her beloved Yorkie, Jenny. She married her beloved husband, Joseph, on November 15, 1947, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Minneapolis. Betty grew up in the Seward neighborhood of Minneapolis. She attended the first Seward Elementary School, and South High School. She worked as a clerk at the Minneapolis Grain Exchange, and she also worked at Northwestern Bell in Minneapolis. She completed her career in 1991 when she retired from the VA Hospital, Minneapolis, accounting department. Her husband and four children were her greatest joy, and she cherished spending time with them. After work each day, Betty was the epitome of a homemaker, providing delicious homemade daily family dinners, luscious homemade baked desserts, and a loving home environment. She and her husband enjoyed hosting countless family parties, traveling with their children on several family vacations throughout the country, including many trips to visit beloved relatives in Whiting, Indiana. Through the years she graciously accommodated a crew of

family pets; goldfish, chameleons, a lizard, a rabbit, a crow, chickens, and four dogs. She was an excellent seamstress, who sewed several dresses and outfits for her daughters. Mom loved being a spectator at the Minnesota Gopher football games and watching the Minnesota Twins. In her golden years she looked forward to visiting with her children, spending time on her porch, listening to the song of the cardinals, enjoying the wildlife that came through her yard, and taking in glorious sunsets. Mom, the love you had for each one of your children will live on in our hearts, forever. Betty's family extends their thanks and gratitude to Dr. Daniel Schneider, and his staff, Dr. Neeraja Maddi, and her staff, the staff from Edina Minnesota Fairview Emergency Room, the wonderful Edina Kindred at Home Hospice Staff, and the caring Edina Visiting Angels staff. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at a later date at St. Helena's Catholic Church, Minneapolis. Interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis. Memorials preferred to St. Helena's Catholic Church. Washburn-McReavy.com Nokomis Park Chapel 612-721-1651

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 30. 9:15 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Helena Catholic Church  
3201 E. 43rd Street  
Minneapolis, MN

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 30. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I am a friend of Betty's son John. Mrs. Polunc was always friendly, and quick to engage in conversation when I would hang out at John's house. As a kid, it never really crossed your mind to 'thank' a friend's mother for that, but it did leave a lasting impression. So a belated 'Thank-You', Mrs. Polunc. Your kindness was much appreciated. Rest in peace.

*Dave Stemper*

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**Dave Stemper** - March 31, 2020 at 11:40 AM