



## Betty Lou Swanson

October 12, 1930 - March 26, 2021

### SWANSON

Betty Lou, age 90, of Richfield, passed away peacefully at home with family by her side on March 26, 2021. Survived by her loving husband of 65 years, Warren; nieces, Sandra Blume (Ron), Holly VanDoren (Niels); great-nieces and nephews, Natalie Jacobsen, Evan Jacobsen (Rachel), Dane Reimers, Kai Reimers, Anna Reimers; and great-great nephew Leo Jacobsen. Betty was preceded in death by her beloved identical twin, Beverly Forde.

Born in 1930, Betty was born and raised in Wisconsin, graduating from Viroqua High School in 1948. After high school, Betty attended the University of Minnesota to pursue a career in elementary education and dedicated most of her tenure as a third-grade teacher in Inver Grove Heights. Throughout her life's journey, Betty enjoyed the companionship of her husband, Warren, to whom she wed in the Philippines in 1956 while he was serving in the US Navy.

In addition to being a dedicated educator and loving wife, Betty found great fulfillment and success in her athletic endeavors. For six years Betty and her twin sister Beverly performed in the Aqua Follies, a professional water show held each summer in Minneapolis, Seattle and Detroit. Betty was equally passionate and accomplished in the sport of tennis, for which she was adopted into the United States Tennis Association (USTA)/Northern Section Hall of Fame in 2001. Some highlights of Betty's tennis career included

winning singles and doubles titles at the Midwest/Omaha, Hawkeye, South Dakota and Minnesota opens. In addition, Betty won the Women's National Collegiate singles consolation championship.

Later in life, Betty enjoyed spending time at her cabin, where she and Warren would golf, fish and spend quality time enjoying the outdoors in the company of many family and friends. Betty will be greatly missed and fondly remembered for her skillfulness in encouraging those around her to pursue their goals in a quiet, yet purposeful way, for her desire to maintain her activity and health, and for her insistence to appreciate, with an intellectual curiosity and engagement, the beautiful world which surrounds us.

Graveside Service 11:00am Friday April 9th at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery, 7601 34th Ave South, Bloomington. Please be there by 10:45 and meet in Assembly Area # 6.

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# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR 9. 11:00 AM.

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