



Betty Kathryn Swords

December 25, 1927 - May 24, 2025

Betty Swords, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully at the age of 97. Born on Christmas Day, December 25, 1927, in Mansfield, Ohio, she often remarked with a smile, "Me and Jesus," on the specialness of her birthday.

She was the proud mother of six children, five sons and a daughter. She met her husband Dick on a blind date and they were married on January 3, 1953. They began their family life in several cities in Ohio eventually settling in St. Paul, MN in 1971 after being transferred for Dick's career.

Betty was a woman of strength and intelligence. A gifted cook and baker, she tested recipes for Betty Crocker and was known for being extremely hospitable. Betty also worked in the business office for an Oncology group at North Memorial for over 17 years. Her home was always immaculate - a testament to her meticulous nature. She loved playing Bridge from the time she was a teen. In retirement she regularly played up to four times a week with different groups. She completed the daily crossword puzzle with her morning coffee. Betty most especially enjoyed family gatherings, spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband Richard; sons David and Michael; grandson Arthur; and daughter-in-law Karen. She is survived by

brother Richard of Mansfield, OH; her children, Richard (Vicki), Robert, Steve, and Kathryn (Ted), as well as her dear daughter-in-law Mary. She also leaves behind eleven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren with one on the way.

Memorials in Betty's honor may be directed to Pro-Life Across America or to the donor's choice.

Her legacy of love, faith, and kindness will live on in all who knew and loved her.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **29**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
835 2nd Avenue NW
New Brighton, MN 55112

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY **29**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Betty at Minneapolis Medical Specialists at North Memorial Hospital. She was a special person to work with and we had many fun times and conversations. It was my pleasure to work with such a beautiful lady.
My condolences and blessings to the Swords family.
Rest in eternal peace Betty. Maribeth Carter Baldinelli RN

Maribeth Carter Baldinelli - May 28, 2025 at 02:19 PM

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“ Jon, Peggy and the Regan family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Betty Kathryn Swords.



Jon, Peggy and the Regan family - May 28, 2025 at 12:56 PM

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“ Jon, Peggy and the Regan family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Kathryn Swords.

Jon, Peggy and the Regan family - May 28, 2025 at 12:56 PM

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“ The Wilsons, Hannovers, and Haggertys purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Betty Kathryn Swords.



The Wilsons, Hannovers, and Haggertys - May 27, 2025 at 07:45 PM



“ Sarah C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Kathryn Swords.

Sarah C. - May 26, 2025 at 07:53 PM