



## Betty Joan Viitala

April 2, 1933 - March 20, 2021

Viitala (nee' Foster), Betty Joan age 87, of Bloomington, MN passed away peacefully at home on March 20, 2021 after a brief battle with cancer. She is predeceased by her husband, Wilfred C. Viitala, and survived by her four daughters, Mary & Jay Kelley (Lauren & Jeffrey; great granddaughter, Isabelle), Ann Viitala & Faye Price, Susan & Dave Montgomery (Carrie, Phil and Abby; great granddaughter Rose), Sarah & Mike Badower (Ben and Eli); sister, Donna Foster, and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by four siblings Robert Foster, Maxine Lepp, Joyce Kesteloot, & Tom Foster. Betty was born in Marshall, Mn and graduated from the Minnesota School of Business. She worked as a secretary for a physician specializing in diseases of the eye prior to marrying and starting her family. Betty and Will had a long and happy marriage and enjoyed travelling, socializing with friends and family, and spending time at their cabin. Betty was bright, articulate, organized, highly competitive and had a true sense of style. She had many talents. She was an excellent seamstress, enjoyed collecting and refinishing furniture, was an avid card player and enjoyed playing bridge with her friends. Betty and Will were charter members of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Bloomington, MN. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Her family would like to thank the many family and friends, Fairview Homecare and Hospice, and Grace A Team, who provided tremendous love and support during the past few months. Her family would especially like to thank her friends at Girard Park East who made that such a wonderful place to live.



# Tribute Wall

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“ Betty was my bridge partner at Minnesota Valley Country Club for the past couple of years. I enjoyed her tremendously, she was the very best partner and I miss her. Living in the same condo building as she did we also enjoyed many, many hours of bridge year around and spent many hours in the swimming pool solving life's problems. She was a joy to be around.

*Carole DeVries*

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**Carole DeVries** - March 26, 2021 at 09:21 AM

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“ I have many good memories of spending time with the Viitala's: (too-loud) slumber parties, saunas & jumping in the snow afterward, fun visits to the cabin, passing notes in church, and annoying the heck out of Will & Betty. As an adult I truly enjoyed spending time at church with Will and Betty. We've missed Will since he died: it won't be the same at church without Betty. Our heartfelt sympathy to all the Viitala girls & their families.

*Kathy & David Gunderson*

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**Kathy Gunderson** - March 25, 2021 at 08:13 PM