



Beulah Yvonne Kroeker

April 17, 1930 - November 26, 2023

Beulah Yvonne Eitzen (Be) was born April 17, 1930 in Mt. Lake MN, the oldest of four children, to Peter and Susie Eitzen. The Eitzen family farm was located near Delft MN. Be was baptized in the Mennonite faith. She attended school in Mt. Lake, and graduated from High School in 1948. It was there in her sophomore year that she met her future husband, Ellsworth Kroeker (Ell), a senior. They were married on August 19, 1951 at Gospel Mennonite Church in Mt. Lake. She then became a member of Bethel Mennonite Church. Be worked for Dr. Pankratz in Mt. Lake in her early 20's, and loved every aspect of her work. Later, she worked for Drs. Glick and Wiens in various positions at the clinic, including the lab, radiology, and finally with billing health insurance claims.

In 1987, Be and Ell were looking for a volunteer position. They were overjoyed to hear they had been accepted as volunteers through Mennonite Central Committee to manage a group home in Reedley CA as staff of King's View Hospital, focusing on treatment for mental health disorders. Be's position was to provide and oversee daily medication; while Ellsworth was catering more to the social needs of the patients, building rapport and offering a shoulder for someone to lean on. It was a very fulfilling time for them, although their kids and grandkids missed them terribly. When they had weekends free, they would take the camper into King's Canyon or find a camping spot along the CA coast line, always looking for the next person or family along the way to engage in conversation. Ell and Be sold the family farm site in 2005 and

relocated to the Twin Cities. They sold the farm land in 2012.

Be passed away on Sunday, November 26, 2023 at Fairview Southdale Hospital, Edina, MN at the age of 93 years and 7 months.

Be is survived by her children, Chet Kroeker (Monica Whitson), Signe (Robert Bradee), and Elliott Kroeker (Greg Johnson); grandchildren Matt Karschnik (Meghan), Thaniel van Amerongen, Kelly Kroeker (Mark Bassett), Jed Karschnik (Becca Moncrief), and Allison Bradee; and great-grandchildren Athena Quinn, Tildy Bassett, and Jonathan and Ella Karschnik; sister Ruth Fast, and many other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her husband Ell, her grandson Adam Kroeker, parents, Pete and Susie Eitzen, siblings Gordon Eitzen and Lois Klippenstein.

A Celebration of Life to honor Be's life will be held at Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel, 7625 Mitchell Rd., Eden Prairie, MN 55344 on January 20, 2024, with visitation at 11:00 and reception to follow at 12:00.

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Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JAN 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Reception

JAN 20. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beulah Yvonne Kroeker.

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“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beulah Yvonne Kroeker.

January 18, 2024 at 11:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Beulah Yvonne Kroeker.



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