



Beverly Alys Svac

September 9, 1933 - September 12, 2023

Beverly Alys (Peterson) Svac, Age 90

Beverly was a loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, neighbor, and friend. She passed away peacefully on September 12, 2023. She was born in Lafayette, MN on September 9, 1933, to Bill and Florence Peterson. Preceded in death by husband, John, and son, John. Survived by daughters Lisa Svac Hawks and Karin (Dewey) Bratsch and grandchildren, JJ, Dylan, Mackenzie, Andrew, Bryant, and Anna.

Bev was a bright spirit who valued faith and family. She spent her early years in Lafayette, MN where her family owned a meat market, and she loved spending time at her aunt and uncle's nearby farm, and with extended family.

She and her mom moved to Minneapolis when Bev was in grade school. She attended Sidney Pratt School and graduated from Marshall High School in 1951, where she was a member of the flag twirling team. She married the love of her life, John Svac, in 1953. They built a beautiful life together with their three children, John, Lisa, and Karin.

She had boundless energy and the ability to do just about anything she encountered. In her early married days, Bev and John began to build houses...as a hobby. During the 1960s and 1970s, they built seven houses,

five of which they lived in. Bev served as general contractor, meticulously arranging the contractors and every detail to create beautiful new homes. There was not much she would not learn to do including laying parquet wood floors, hanging sheetrock, and painting. She became an expert wood finisher, taking great care in staining and varnishing every trim board, sheet of paneling, window frame and kitchen cabinet.

She loved decorating, holidays, and hosting family and friends. There was always a coffee pot on, and an extra plate set for drop-in visitors. She always said, "I don't want anyone to be alone on a holiday," so there were often friends, colleagues or neighbors joining the Svac table or celebration. Bev was a foodie without flair, making five-course meals every night for her family and baking endlessly for school and social events. She enjoyed gardening and canning fruits and vegetables and was known for her peaches and pickled beets.

Bev's faith was important to her. She was an active church member of Holy Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Minneapolis where she was married in 1953. She served as church secretary, counseled the youth group with her husband, and supported various initiatives and committees. For the past 50-plus years, Bev has poured love into Gloria Dei Lutheran Church where she supported her children in various activities, served as a Sunday School teacher, Mother-Daughter banquet chair, Easter Pancake Breakfast organizer with her husband, counter, and all-around helper. She cherished the church's rich social network where she enjoyed playing 500 and attending countless bible classes and events.

The center of Bev's life has been family. Her children and grandchildren brought her the greatest joy, especially the past 22 years as a widow. She was famous as the "loyal" fan and supporter, taking her regular seat at games, matches, recitals, concerts, plays and any activity including her kids or

grandkids.

We will miss her smile, her stories, her vocal opinion, special treats, and unconditional love.

A Celebration of Life will be held Tuesday, Sept. 19, 11 a.m. with a visitation one hour prior at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 3014 McKinley Street N.E., Minneapolis, MN.

Memorials preferred in lieu of flowers to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, or Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
3014 McKinley St NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Church Service

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ You were like a second mom ,such a cheerleader at all the softball games , volleyball,and basketball ! The energy, strength and love you put into every aspect of your life was beautiful ! A force to be reckoned with , and oh so many dinners around your table ❤️ .we will miss you here , but now you can be our cheerleader in the sky along with Mrs Doll,and my mom in the bleachers of stars !

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Beverly Alys Svac.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beverly Alys Svac.

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