



Dorothy Jean Bruer

July 31, 1925 - October 8, 2023

DOROTHY THORP BRUER,

At 98, our beloved mother passed away peacefully on October 8, 2023. She lived in Hopkins and formerly Minneapolis. Dorothy was born on July 31, 1925 to Conrad and Lillian (Eide) Thorp. She graduated from Washburn High School and the University of Minnesota as a journalism major. Dorothy was elected to the Mortar Board, served on the Pan Hellenic Council, was president of the Chi-Omega Sorority, and was the 1947 Gopher yearbook editor.

She met her husband, Bob Bruer, through friends on a blind date. On September 30, 1950 they married at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mpls. They lived on Lake Minnetonka for four years and moved in 1954 to 529 W. Park Valley Drive in Hopkins; their home for the next 64 years.

Dorothy was active in her Hopkins community. In early days, she campaigned for the addition of fluoride to the water system, was active in the Hopkins Raspberry Festival, the Park Valley Association, and served as an election judge. In later years, she and Bob were drivers for Meals on Wheels. She was always available to neighbors and friends in need. She was a founding member of the West Suburban Women's Club (1957). She worked tirelessly, holding both board positions and volunteering. Since 1958, Dorothy was an honorary charter member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church; her faith was very important in her life. She worked as an editor for 30 years until she retired at the age of 82.

Her family was always her center. She cared for her beloved parents into their nineties. She and her loving husband, Bob, were married for 67 years. She is survived by daughters Cathy Bruer-Thompson (Art), Susan Bruer Simmonds (Warren), grandchildren Megan Blandin (Matt), Katie Thompson, Mitchell and Mackenzie Simmonds, great grandchildren Payton and Paisley, her brother-in-law Charles Griffith, and cherished nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by husband Robert H Bruer, sister Connie Griffith, and parents Conrad and Lillian Thorp.

Dorothy was kind to all, thoughtful, patient, witty, and caring. She will be sorely missed.

Dorothy's celebration of life will be held on Saturday, October 14 at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 500 Blake Road S, Hopkins MN 55343.

Gathering at 1 pm, service from 2-3pm, and refreshments to follow. Memorials to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

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Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Shepherd of The Hills Lutheran Church (Edina)
500 Blake Road South
Edina, MN 55343

Memorial Service

OCT **14**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Aunt Dorothy was one of a kind. Her sense of humor was epic, and love poured out of her like a river. I'll see you on the other side.
With love and admiration, Sandee Griffith

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