



Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Anderlik

July 8, 1935 - June 25, 2017

Elizabeth "Betty Boop" Anderlik, a wife, mother, grandmother, life-long traveler and philanthropist died peacefully in her sleep on June 25, 2017.

Betty was born on July 8th 1935 in Henryville Township, Minnesota. Being the fourth eldest of ten children, Betty learned quickly how to make her thoughts and feelings known to others; a trait that would serve her well throughout her life.

Betty met the love of her life Joseph Anderlik on a blind date, the two were soon married

on July 27, 1957. Betty devoted herself to raising three children, and volunteering with causes

close to her heart. She enjoyed learning new things and exposing her children to as many

experiences as possible; whether it be teaching the neighborhood kids to pull taffy, cooking

foreign foods or playing ding-dong-ditch on their neighbors with a bumper crop of zucchini.

Betty worked closely with the Minnesota International Center at the University of

Minnesota to help international student learn English, learn about American culture and to break

down cultural barriers. For decades Betty and Joe opened up their home and their hearts to

foreign exchange students from Japan, Morocco and other places throughout the world. Both

Betty and Joe remained friends with many of the foreign exchange students throughout their lives.

Betty and Joe were both avid world travelers. Betty worked with many elementary school

classes and shared her knowledge on Japanese culture, teaching children how to use

chopsticks and how to wear a traditional Kimono. Betty and Joe both valued education and established a scholarship program for undergraduate engineers and helped establish the Joseph and Elizabeth Anderlik Teaching Laboratory at Iowa State University to better serve

student needs. In 2010 Betty established the Joseph and Elizabeth Anderlik Professorship in

Engineering at Iowa State. Together they also purchased defibrillators for first responders

throughout Ramsey County.

After the death of her husband in 2005, Betty continued to worked tirelessly with the

American Cancer Society, and Hope Lodge to help build the Hope Lodge in Minneapolis. Betty

worked closely with the Laboure Society, a Catholic charity that helps young men who have

been called to enter into the priesthood. She was an ardent supporter of The Young America

Foundation, The Heritage Foundation, and many of the local arts and museums.

Like other snowbirds, Betty flew south for the winter and developed close ties with the

Clearwater, Florida community. In her spare time she enjoyed traveling,

playing bridge, tennis,
gardening, entertaining and discussing the latest politics of the day.
She is survived by her three children Mark (Carol) Anderlik of Missoula,
Montana; Lynn
Thom of Eden Prairie and Jill (John) Rauenhorst of St. Michael. Five
grandchildren; Ronny
(Colleen), Erin, Daryl, Alex and Alex, one soon-to-be great-grandchild and
eight siblings.
She will always be remembered for her quick wit, her generous spirit, and
amazing
spaghetti sauce. She will be forever missed by her loved ones and friends
who were lucky
enough to know her and those who benefited greatly from her
charity. Visitation 4-8PM Thursday, June 29 at ST. MARY OF THE LAKE
CATHOLIC CHURCH, 4741 Bald Eagle Avenue, White Bear Lake. Mass of
Christian Burial 11AM (visitation begins at 10AM) Friday, June 30 at ST.
MARY OF THE LAKE. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorials preferred to
Hope Lodge (American Cancer Society).

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Bette was a wonderful and caring friend. I enjoyed going to Eckerd Hall with her and her wonderful dinners. I will miss her.*

Judith E. Sullivan - July 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

YB

“ *We are all deeply saddened by the news of your loss. Even though we only physically met a few times, Betty was a very kind and very generous person, always welcoming us with a smile. Please accept our most sincere condolences. Our thoughts and prayers go to her family and close ones. - Youssef.*

Youssef Benabdeljelil - July 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Betty and Joe opened their home and heart to me about 40 years ago . I was the first Moroccan to "freeload" at my second home . A continuous and kind relationship over all this time and two generations. Without their kind help and care , I would not be where I am today . Betty was one of the kindest, most caring people we knew, and always ready to help. She left us with many cherished memories . Our thoughts are with all the family at these difficult times. With our affection and sympathy. The Benabdeljelil's !*

Benabdeljelil Khalid - June 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Lynn - what a nice tribute you all wrote for your Mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this tough time for you and your family. Hope all goes well over the next few days. We look forward to having you back. Dane*

Dane Swenson - June 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Words cannot express how very sorry I am for your loss. May you find comfort in all the memories you have shared throughout the years. Love to all.

Loren & Cheryl Bronner - June 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM