



Elizabeth Mary Dewey

May 4, 1923 - July 9, 2023

Dewey, Elizabeth On Sunday, July 9, 2023, Elizabeth Mary Dewey passed away peacefully at age 100 at Jones- Harrison Senior Living. Elizabeth was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to immigrants Louis and Mary Kocs on May 4, 1923. She helped run the family grocery store with her siblings and graduated from West Milwaukee High School, where she met the love of her life, John Robert Dewey. In 1943, they married in Gainesville, Florida, where he started Army Air Corps training. After the war, they returned to Milwaukee and raised eight children. They moved to California and back to Wisconsin, finally settling in Minneapolis in 1974. She was active in her church and community, receiving a BA from Metropolitan State University in 1981. She loved to travel, visiting England, Scotland, France, Belgium, Italy, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Hawaii, Alaska, Mexico, Panama, Costa Rica, and many parts of the U.S. She and John spent 16 winters with friends in Port Aransas, Texas. She is preceded in death by her husband-who adored her until his last breath; sister, Margaret Bonneau and brothers, Frank and Eugene Kocs, and son, Rob Dewey. She is survived by seven other children, Beth Boyd, Mary Bliss, Marney Billings, Janet Richter, Alice Goldstone, Sarah Dewey Heywood, and Julia Dye; six sons-in-law; many grandchildren, many more great-grandchildren, and an extended family of relations and friends from every walk of life. She chose to believe the best about everyone, and loved to give them all a smile, a touch, and a word of kindness. A celebration of Elizabeth's life will be held at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408