



## Elizabeth Ann Jenkins

August 2, 1942 - April 5, 2025

Elizabeth Ann "Betty" (Loye) Jenkins, 82, passed away peacefully on April 5, 2025, at her home in Minnetonka, Minnesota, surrounded by her family and dear friends. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Her passing was just over a year since losing her husband, David and there is peace knowing they are together again.

Betty was born on August 2, 1942, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and grew up in Cloquet, Minnesota. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, David Jenkins; parents John and Ann Loye; and niece Nancy Falk. She is survived by her daughters Laurie Jenkins and Carol Koyonen; son-in-law Tim Koyonen; grandsons Maxwell and AJ Koyonen; sisters Carole Johnson and Nancy Chesser (Jim); nieces Julie Bauer, Crescentia Jenkins, and Quennah Varela; nephews Scott, Jeff, and Topher Jenkins, along with other close family and friends.

Loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, friend, and administrator, Betty was known for her warmth, compassion, and tireless dedication to her family, friends, and community.

Betty was Youth Programs Coordinator for Minnetonka Community Education, Minnetonka Public Schools. She pioneered the Explorers childcare program and developed curricula for after school and summer activities. She hired and directed many kids and adults to work in the program. Her legacy will live on

through the many lives she touched. One of her greatest joys was watching the kids grow up and succeed in life. Her work was of lasting impact that will soon not be forgotten.

She was deeply involved in her community through her work and as a parent working selflessly to make a difference in the lives of others, always giving her time, energy, and love. Whether she was working, volunteering, leading or cheering on from the bleachers, she believed in the power of kindness and the strength of a united community.

Throughout her life, she found immense joy in her family, particularly in her role as a grandmother. Betty cherished her grandchildren with all her heart, always offering them her love, wisdom, and guidance. Whether it was spending time together, playing games, sharing stories or simply being present, Max and AJ brought her indescribable happiness, and she was their biggest cheerleader, always encouraging them to be their best selves.

A memorial to honor Betty's life and legacy will be held on May 10, 2025, at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Excelsior, MN with visitation at 1:00 and service at 2:00 pm.

The family wishes to thank you for your love, support and kind thoughts as they navigate this deep loss.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Cottagewood Community Foundation, 20280 Cottagewood Ave, Excelsior, MN 55331

Link for service livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/yut7hQEraDU?feature=share>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church  
301 County Road 19  
Excelsior, MN 55331

## Memorial Service

MAY 10. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church  
301 County Road 19  
Excelsior, MN 55331

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Jenkins.*



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April 29, 2025 at 04:46 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Jenkins.*



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April 16, 2025 at 04:15 PM