



Elizabeth Amanda Karner

April 6, 1926 - October 6, 2020

Karner, Elizabeth

Elizabeth “Betty” Amanda Werschler Karner was born April 6, 1926, in Inglis, Manitoba, Canada. She was baptized and confirmed her Christian faith in the Lutheran Church. She studied nursing in Winnipeg and graduated from Victoria General Hospital. Betty worked as a registered nurse at various hospitals, nursing facilities, and private homes during her career. While living in Winnipeg, Betty’s pastor introduced her to the love of her life, Roy Karner, a seminary student from Oklahoma.

Shortly after they were married on June 23, 1954, they moved to Hong Kong to serve as missionaries. Kim, Kathi, and Keri were born during their 15 years in Hong Kong. They returned to the States in 1969 and made their home in Hopkins, MN, at Zion Lutheran Church. Lori was born later that year. Betty became a naturalized US citizen in 1975.

Betty loved Jesus, Roy, their daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a seamstress, a wordsmith and a terrific card player. She had a gift for hospitality and regularly welcomed people into their home for meals. Betty played the piano with lots of emotion and she loved to sing and recite poetry.

The best way to tell you about Betty is through the eyes of Roy, her husband, lover, partner, and number 1 fan. He wrote this letter to her in 2004 on their 50th wedding anniversary:

The Lord gave me a great blessing in December of 1952 when I was introduced to a beautiful young brunette by the name of Elizabeth Amanda Werschler. At that time she was a nurse working in a doctors office in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She graciously returned my affection and we wed June 23, 1954.

Betty and I went to Hong Kong where three of our four beautiful girls were born. We stayed on the (mission) field 15 years.

I am so blessed! Betty is a great cook and homemaker. She has poise and beauty; also an inward beauty springing from her deep commitment to the Lord. Through the years of my ministry as a pastor, she was and is my confidant, adviser, a steadying influence, always at my side with

encouragement, never wavering.

In short, thank you, God, for Betty; and thank you, Darling, for your Love.

I Love You! “Daddy”

In July, 2019, Betty and Roy moved to Cokato, MN, where their daughters could provide support and care. Betty experienced great loss when Roy died in December, 2019. Their sweet love spanned decades and inspired many. Betty joined Roy in Heaven on October 6, 2020. For today and for all the tomorrows, they are singing praises to God for His love, forgiveness, and salvation.

Betty is survived by their daughters and their families: Kim (Henry) Haverstock, Father Paul Haverstock, Anne (Michael) Roeber, Benjamin Roeber, Hannah Roeber, and Kent Haverstock; Kathi Jensen, Brittany (JP) La Chapelle, Evline La Chapelle, Sophie La Chapelle, Madeline La Chapelle, Lucie La Chapelle, and Brooke Jensen; Keri (Dan) Siekert, Kate Siekert, and Megan Siekert; and Lori (David) Chvojicek, Michael Chvojicek, and Ryan Chvojicek.

Due to COVID, a family-only ceremony will be held.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Amanda Karner.*



October 14, 2020 at 10:36 AM

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“ *Dear Keri and Sisters,*

One of my most fond memories of Betty was when we were all camping up at Crystal Lake outside of Minocqua.....Betty and Roy joined Keri and her family. So special....except that Betty thought she should take Katie's three-wheeled bike for a ride. After a 15 foot ride, she immediately turned into the bushes....not good! As Keri and I pulled her out, she was bound and determined to try again....unfortunately, we had the same problem....another set of bushes...being a good sport, she decided to give it a try another day! She always had a smile on her face! Loved that gal! All of you were blessed to have such special parents! XXOO

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