



## Ethel Holmes

November 8, 1932 - December 20, 2023

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Ethel Leora Ardith Johnson Holmes

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Maple Bay, Minnesota Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Isaiah 43:1 "Fear not, for I have redeemed you: I have called you by name [Ethel], you are Mine said the Lord"

Preceded in death by: Parents, Luther and Thea; Twin Sister, Mae; Nephew, Kirk

Survived by: Daughters Dana (Vern), Robin (Devin), and Jody (Jeff); Nephew Kimm (Judi); Grandchildren Jessica (Jake), Amanda (Garrett), Tristan (Jada), Chelsey (Joel) and Becca (Robert); Grandnephew Kort; Grandniece Brit (Jess); Great-Grandchildren Blakelyn, Bronson, Alexis, Calvin, Jude, Nevaeh, Olivia, Kai, Nala, Santana and Saxa Leora; Great-Grandnieces Hailey and Coral.

A Celebration of the Life and Return to Glory of

Ethel Leora Ardith Johnson Holmes

Thursday May 9, 2024

Peace Lutheran Church  
20 Northdale Blvd. NW  
Coon Rapids, MN 55448  
10am visitation  
11am service  
Reception following service

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Peace Lutheran Church-food program.

Ethel, "Betta," age 91, grew up at the Maple Bay store and then on the farm home on Maple Lake, near Mentor, MN. During her youth she enjoyed swimming, roller skating, church, musicals and class plays, piano, choir, band, marching band and summers working in the potato fields, just to name a few.

As a young woman she graduated from Mentor High School in 1950; graduated in 1953 as a Registered Nurse from the Lutheran Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing and Diaconate in Minneapolis. She worked at Deaconess until 1963 and was a parttime assistant school nurse at Augsburg College. From 1964-67 Porter Memorial 17th Day Adventist Hospital in Denver, Colorado while Dean was attending grad school. She finished her 44-year nursing career at North Memorial Hospital in PACU, retiring in 1996.

While working at Augsburg College she met Dean Holmes. They married on August 10, 1957 and raised three girls in Brooklyn Park, MN. When her twin passed away unexpectedly, her nephews lived with the family for a period of time.

Throughout her life, Ethel enjoyed many activities including downhill skiing club, golf league, ceramics, being an election judge, Employees Resource Council at North Memorial and was a wonderful cook. She was a world

traveler visiting many USA states and over 15 countries. Ethel spent 19 years wintering in Florida enjoying swimming, playing cards, 3-wheel biking, singing in the choir and performing solos; her favorite choir activity was performing twice at Disney World. During retirement Ethel looked forward to attending the North Memorial retiree group gatherings and events. She also loved going to the 'cottage up north' with family; there was always a game of Hand and Foot in progress that she especially enjoyed playing with the grandchildren and their spouses and Go Fish was a hit with the great-grandchildren.

Faith and having a personal relationship with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ was always an anchor in Ethel's life. Daily devotions, singing hymns, praying, bible studies, choir, volunteering and women Christian groups were very important to her. She was very active for many years at St. James Lutheran Church in Crystal before transferring to Peace Lutheran Church in Coon Rapids.

Ethel loved her family very much and will be deeply missed and remembered for her love of God, music, prayers and generosity...oh, and of course her hats!

PALLBEARERS (fellow nurse co-workers):

Peg Beltrand

Barbara Graf

Jane Hanson

Colleen Mack

Jan Reynolds

Karen Sturm

Roxanne Stuhlfeier

Marsha Theil

Sherrie Westerheim

Service special thank you to the following:

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

NIGHTENGALE TRIBUTE: MN Metro Nurse Honor Guard

LEGACY FILM: [legacyfilmsmn.com](http://legacyfilmsmn.com)

Following the reception (2pm), interment at:

Glen Haven Memorial Gardens

5125 West Broadway, Crystal, MN 55429

Garden of Devotion: The Lord's Prayer

Please join us in remembering Ethel Holmes by visiting her memorial at [www.washburn-mcreavy.com](http://www.washburn-mcreavy.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Glen Haven Memorial Gardens

5125 West Broadway  
Crystal, MN 55429

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Peace Lutheran Church (Coon Rapids)  
20 Northdale Blvd.  
Coon Rapids, MN

## Memorial Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Peace Lutheran Church (Coon Rapids)  
20 Northdale Blvd.  
Coon Rapids, MN

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was fortunate to know Miss Ethel as a dear neighbor in our first home. My son and I loved Miss Ethel and looked forward to crossing paths during her daily walker strolls, always topped off with a dainty hat and scarf. She was the kind of person to always fill her cup with faith and joy and love, and poured those qualities into the lives around her. I am so happy to know she is home with Jesus, though I know she will be forever missed here on Earth. Sending love to all of the hearts affected by her loss.  
Chas and Mack

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**Chas Runge** - April 25, 2024 at 01:36 PM

LM

“ I worked with Ethel in the recovery room at North Memorial. She loved nursing and loved her patients. She was a mentor to many. I will always remember her joie de vivre (joy in life). Rest in peace, dear Ethel. Lori Mountin

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**Lori Mountin** - April 13, 2024 at 09:50 AM

JB

“ Ethel was one of my favorite neighborhood Moms. I remember her smiling a lot, she had a hearty laugh and what a sense of style! I know she will be missed dearly and remembered fondly. Wishing you all peace. Jeri Borgwarth

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**Jeri Borgwarth** - April 04, 2024 at 05:02 PM