



## Janet Frances Beeson

July 4, 1931 - October 20, 2023

### Obituary for Janet Frances Beeson

Beeson, Janet Frances, age 92 of Minnetonka, MN formerly of Edina, MN passed away on October 20, 2023.

Janet was born on the 4th of July 1931 in St. Paul, MN to Dorothy and Wallace Bohrer. Soon after, the family moved to Beloit, Wisconsin in 1936, where Janet graduated from Bishop Muldoon Catholic High School, in Rockford, IL. She attended Marquette University for two years, then transferred to Northwestern University where she received a Bachelor of Arts in English in 1953. Seeking her first taste into the workforce, Janet then moved to Chicago, where she worked as an executive assistant for the president of the MacFarland, Aveyard & Co. Advertising Agency. While busy with work and social engagements, she found time for love and found her life partner, marrying Donald L. Beeson in 1957. Knowing the city was not the right fit, they made a home in the suburbs of Barrington, IL and raised six children together.

In 1976 Janet and Don moved their family to Edina, MN, where Janet transitioned from homemaker to the business world in support of the daily operations of the family business. At Beer Wholesalers, Inc., she brought her well-honed organizational skills, mentored by her father and brothers in Eden Prairie, MN. At the same time, she became increasingly active member of St.

John the Evangelist Catholic Church (St. Gabriel the Archangel) in Hopkins.

Janet was a devout Catholic and a devoted student of the Bible. Her participation (with her husband Don) in Bible study groups nourished and rewarded her lifelong commitment. She brought a generous spirit to all she offered to her church community. She started up and ran the annual plant sale for many years, was a valued member of the parish council and organized countless fund raisers. For decades, Janet was also a guiding hand on the funeral committee which organized the legendary funeral lunches with scratch prepared entrees. She was overjoyed when her husband, Don, finally received the sacrament of Confirmation in the church, a pinnacle of her personal ministry to those she loved around her. In her later years, while she could no longer attend church, she reflected fondly on her many years of friendship and service. Friends at her parish continued God's work to provide her the sacrament and timely readings -- a testament to her friendships and the love of God.

Janet was a caregiver and loved her family. Whether spending time together on vacation, hosting countless holiday gatherings, and preparing her famous Sunday home cooked dinners, she was all about keeping her loved ones together and engaged.

One of Janet's 'claim to fame' was her dill pickles, a closely guarded recipe passed down from her parents. Not surprising this was another one of her social gatherings combined with a call for labor wrapped up into one. She won first place at the Minnesota State Fair.

Janet was an avid follower of professional golf, both the LPGA and the PGA. She enjoyed women's basketball, especially the Minnesota Lynx. She was a Vikings fan and loved college football games, accompanied by loud yelling and fierce rooting. She enjoyed many family vacations in Boulder Junction,

Manitowish Waters, and Door County in Wisconsin as she enjoyed the bounty the state provided.

Janet is survived by her children, Donald Beeson Jr. (Mary-Beth Hughes), Ann Beeson (Michael McEntee), Carol Peterson, Charles Beeson (Brenda Aleshire), Mary Rivers (Adam Leavitt), and Andrew Beeson (Sara Beeson); grandchildren Lauren Peterson, Forrest Rivers, Jack Rivers, and Emma Beeson; brothers Gregory Bohrer and James Bohrer (Catherine Bohrer), plus nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents Wallace C. and Dorothy A. Bohrer, and brother Wallace C. Bohrer, Jr.

Memorial Mass on Friday, November 3rd, 2023, 10:00 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the service, St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church, 1310 Main St., Hopkins, MN 55343. Interment to follow at Lakewood Cemetery. Memorials preferred to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church  
1310 Mainstreet  
Hopkins, MN 55343

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



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“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Janet Frances Beeson.



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“ Once, when Janet was visiting Ann and Mike in Austin, Tx., she and I went to one of the malls in the area, and had an enjoyable time in each other’s company. Our families had much in common. The thing that stood out was how close our individual families were. So glad I knew her. Love,  
Sharon

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**Sharon McEntee** - October 28, 2023 at 12:20 PM