



Lucille Mae Peterson

August 8, 1927 - November 15, 2022

Lucille (Bugbee) Peterson, 95, passed away November 15, 2022. She was the beloved wife of the late Capt. Burleigh B. Peterson Jr.

Lucille was born in 1927 and raised in Warwick, Rhode Island. She was the first born of six children to Carlton and Mildred (Oatley) Bugbee. Lucille graduated from Samuel Gorton High School in 1945, then entered the first collegiate nursing program at Rhode Island State College (later University of Rhode Island). With nursing degree in hand, she joined the US Navy Nursing Corps. She received orders to report to the Naval Hospital in Oakland, California where wounded Sailors and Marines from the Korean War were being treated. The cross-country trip with six other Navy nurses became one of the most memorable adventures of her life. With two cars and road maps the group drove west across the country, even managing a stop in Pasadena to view the Rose Parade. The Naval Hospital had one of the first dialysis machines and Lucille remembers how enormous the machine was and how well her diabetes patients responded to their treatments.

Lucille met and married an officer in the Navy, Burleigh B. Peterson Jr. of Duluth, Minnesota. The couple remained close to their families with letters, visits and those rare long-distance phone calls. After many moves during Burleigh's Naval career, they settled in Hopkins, Minnesota in 1969. There were always annual summer visits to Rhode Island to reconnect with family

and get back to the ocean. They were longtime members of Hopkins United Methodist Church. Lucille was an accomplished seamstress and a great cook. Her vegetable garden was well tended - the tomatoes were amazing. The couple welcomed (fed) the abundant urban wildlife that frequented their backyard. In retirement Lucille and Burleigh enjoyed attending the Experimental Aircraft Association fly-in celebration in Oshkosh, Wisconsin each summer. Keeping up-to-date on their grandkids, road-trips to see them, visiting family and friends, and those late winter getaways to Florida kept them on the go.

Burleigh died in 2001 and Lucille suffered a stroke in 2013. She has since lived in Presbyterian homes in Eden Prairie, MN.

Lucille and Burleigh are deeply missed.

Lucille was predeceased by her husband Burleigh B. Peterson Jr.; sisters, Eunice V. Manchester, Millie E. Brown and brothers, Carlton N. Bugbee Jr. and Alden O. Bugbee. She is survived by daughters, Joanne (Joe) Kellogg and Judi Sanson; grandchildren, Tommy Sanson, Amanda (Ian) Dahlberg, Mel Sanson, Joseph Sanson, Sarah Kellogg and Ian Kellogg; great-grandsons, Aidan and Sebastian Sanson; sister, Rita (Bonnie) Bugbee; and many wonderful nieces and nephews. She leaves behind many friends and caregivers who have brought joy and comfort to her life.

Memorial service December 10, 10:30 am, with reception following, at Flagstone (Presbyterian Homes), 8350 Commonwealth Dr. Eden Prairie, MN.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Lucille's memory to Presbyterian Homes Foundation, 2845 Hamline Ave N, Roseville, MN 55113 or your favorite charity.

May God be with you.

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 10. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Flagstone (Presbyterian Homes - Eden Prairie)
8350 Commonwealth Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Tribute Wall



“ *With Distinction* was purchased for the family of *Lucille Mae Peterson*.



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“ *Judy, I know your Mother must have been a dynamic force because of the daughter she raised. My tender thoughts are with you as you grieve and remember her. May her memory live on through those who survive her.*

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