



Mertle Joyce DeCoursey

March 4, 1936 - February 5, 2021

DeCoursey, Mertle Joyce (Bird) of New Brighton passed away on February 5th, 2021 at the age of 84.

Born on March 4th, 1936 to David and Treva Bird, she grew up on the farm with her brothers and sisters.

She met and married the love of her life, William DeCoursey on November 24, 1950. They shared over 70 years, building a life and family full of kindness, generosity and love. Mertle worked for 40 years in photography production at National School Studios, but she wore many hats in that time. Meteorologist, pilot, friend, confidant, counselor, matriarch, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and most of all, beloved wife. She took great pride and enjoyment in her family, growing to 32 descendants at the time of her passing. She loved flowers, though they didn't love her. She relished going fast, but also slowing down with a great book, a warm cat in her lap and a view of the birds. With a quick wit and an edgy sense of humor, she could always make you laugh. With compassion, strength and wisdom she could always make you better. She is survived by her adoring husband William, of 70 years, their three children Connie, Bill and David, their nine grandchildren, Liza, Heather, Tina, James, Paul, Sarah, Jessi, Liz and Hal; their 20 great and great-great grandchildren and her brother Henry. To her family she was the rock, the core, the boss and the best friend. She will be missed greatly by all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to one of Mertle's favorite charities St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Shriner's Hospital for Children.

Private family service with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

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Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

2600 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418
(612) 781-3391
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Blessings to all who loved you, thank you dear Family for all that you have shared, Much love from Virgil, Jason and jackie Steeele, inc
love to all of you, I am so sorry for your loss ,
but watch out she could be anywhere



Jackie B Steele - February 17, 2021 at 10:22 AM

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“ Sarah D DeCoursey lit a candle in memory of Mertle Joyce DeCoursey



Sarah D DeCoursey - February 11, 2021 at 08:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mertle Joyce DeCoursey.



February 09, 2021 at 08:03 PM