



Ravella Kastenbauer

June 25, 1932 - January 16, 2024

Ravella Kastenbauer

age 91, of Coon Rapids, former 40 year resident of Columbia Heights, died on January 16th, 2024, after a brief illness. Preceded in death by husband Paul Kastenbauer, parents Louis and Frances Simms, brothers David, Louis, Paul and sister Shirley. Survived by son Richard (Lisa), and grandsons Benjamin (Laura) Kastenbauer, Paul Kastenbauer, and Jacob Kastenbauer and by great-grandson, Matthew Kastenbauer, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Born in Minneapolis, MN on June 25th, 1932. Worked at the Twin Cities Arsenal plant where she met her husband, Paul. They were married on October 3rd, 1953. Sadly, Paul passed away unexpectedly on February 25th, 1963.

Ravella went on to raise their son as a single parent. They moved to Columbia Heights where she worked at Foley Manufacturing for a number of years and then worked for Group W/Comcast Cable Company.

Most important to Ravella was her family. She would make Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for her large extended family. Rick remembers many camping trips and vacations with family friends. She even taught Rick to hunt

and fish! In later years, as a grandmother, she adored her grandsons and was a big part of their upbringing. She was always included in the boys' sports games, musical concerts and celebrations. She vacationed with Rick and his family many times, and was always a part of holiday celebrations. She couldn't have been closer.

Memorial service 11:00 AM Wednesday, January 24th, with visitation one hour prior at First
Congregational Church (Anoka United Church of Christ), 1923 3rd Ave South,
Anoka, MN, 55303.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ
1923 3rd Avenue South
Anoka, MN 55303

Church Service

JAN 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CD

“ *Ravella kindly invited me to live with her after I graduated from high school for the summer until my wedding in Sept. We really enjoyed visiting with her over the years. We will miss her.*

Cheryl Ann Dee - January 23, 2024 at 11:31 AM

HM

“ *We were cousins but closer than sisters. All of our lives we did things together. We both loved going on overnight tours to our favorite casino. Oh, what fun we had. Could not wait for evening to come so she could get her chicken dinner. She was a good cousin, friend and neighbor. I will miss her so much.*

Hazel Mortenson - January 23, 2024 at 10:01 AM

DM

“ *I thank God that she didn't suffer, and went knowing her family here was with her, and her family in heaven welcomed her with open arms. Now she is home with her family that went before her, to watch over her family from above, and guide them as they live their lives here. The Life Circle is amazing never fear, always welcome. Love and Prayers are with you all.*
Dawn M.



Dawn M. - January 21, 2024 at 01:22 PM

DM

“ *Denna McElhaney lit a candle in memory of Ravella Kastenbauer*



Denna McElhaney - January 21, 2024 at 09:09 AM

DM

“ *AUNTIE RAVELLA.
SHE ALWAYS MADE THESE STRAWBERRY COOKIES SHAPED
LIKE STRAWBERRIES AND FOR MANY YEARS I've MADE THEM
BUT TO LOOK LIKE A STRAWBERRY I THINK SHE HAD A
MOLD,AND
RUM BALLS TO DIFFERENT KINDS ONE FIR THE KIDS AND
THE OTHER FOR ADULTS BUT US KIDS ALWAYS FOUND THE
RIGHT BOWL 😂😂
VELLA WILL BE LOVED AND MISSED AS NOW THE LAST TO
GO HOME TO THE REST OF THE FAMILY LOVE YOU
ALWAYS AUNTIE.. YOUR MCELHANEY FAMILY*

Denna McElhaney - January 21, 2024 at 09:09 AM