



## Rosella Jane Douglas

February 1, 1932 - January 13, 2022

Rosella Jane Douglas (Zimmerman), age 89 from White Bear Lake, passed away on January 13, 2022, at The Pillars Hospice, from ovarian cancer. Rosella was born on February 1, 1932 in Herman, MN to Herman & Minnie Zimmerman. She grew up on her family's farm where they farmed grain & raised cows, pigs, & chickens. Rosella obtained a BA degree in Elem. Educ. from Moorhead State Teacher's College in 1951. She taught in Atwater, MN & married Lyle Johnson in 1954. Rosella & Lyle had their first (and only) child, Pamela, on June 11, 1960. Her family moved to White Bear Lake, MN. Rosella then continued her education at the U of M to earn her BS degree in Elem. Ed. She was then hired as an elementary teacher for WBL ISD #624. She taught first grade at Parkview & Lakeaires Elementary until her retirement in 1996. (In 1971 Lyle passed away from heart disease. She married Jim Douglas in 1976. Jim passed away from cancer in 1990). Some of her favorite things to do were ballroom & polka dancing, golfing, traveling, volunteering at the Sr. Center, spending time with family, & going up to her cabin in Webster, WI. Rosella was a strong woman who remained independent throughout the years, and even insisted on doing most of her own house/lawn work, despite her old age. Grandma Rose also spent a lot of time hanging out with her 4 grandkids & going to all of their sporting events, graduations, birthday parties, family vacations & more.

Rosella is preceded in death by her parents Herman and Minnie, 2 sisters, Louise Ramage & Anna Churchill, 4 brothers, William, Edward, John & Henry,

1st husband Lyle Johnson, and 2nd husband Jim Douglas. Rosella is survived by her daughter, Pamela Fitzpatrick, son-in-law Kevin, and 4 grandchildren: Mallori, Tori, Brock, and Kyra Fitzpatrick. Extended family includes nieces, nephews (Linden & Karene Churchill), & sister-in-law Vonnie Thompson. On Saturday, April 30, 2022, a visitation will be held from 10:00-11:00, and a funeral service at 11:00 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 3770 Bellaire Ave., White Bear Lake, MN 55110. Her Celebration of Life is 12:00-4:00 at Manitou Grill Event Center at 2171 4th St., in White Bear Lake. Lunch will be provided & Rod Cerar, will provide live music for dancing. Rosella's family wishes to extend our thanks to all of the doctors & nurses at St. John's Hospital, & the caretakers at The Pillars Hospice during her last days of life.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have very fond memories of Mrs. Douglas, I had her as a first grade teacher in '76 or '77. She was always very pretty, and I remember her always having beautiful hair. Her class was well organized and she always had a good handle on her students. She was always very kind and I will never forget her beautiful smile. Rest In Peace wonderful teacher. My consolation to her family.



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Leigh (Benson) Welch - April 24, 2022 at 12:00 AM