



Vera Abigail Watson

September 12, 1927 - July 30, 2025

Mpls, MN - Vera A. (Edholm) Watson, 97, passed away July 29, 2025, at her Minneapolis home.

She was born on September 12, 1927, in Minneapolis to Magnus and Helen (Beers) Edholm.

She attended public schools in Robbinsdale and Minneapolis, and married Charles E. Watson in August 1947. Over a dozen years, she gave birth to eight children, all of whom survive her: Lynn Rossiter (Richard), Jeffrey (Gail), Steven (Karen), Mark (Shirley Ochi-Watson), Charlene Watson-Rochfort (Gary), Keith (Daryl Hartman), Scott, and Reed (Gloria Gallo). In addition, she is survived by 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Vera was a tireless mother and homemaker for the first two decades of her marriage, teaching all her children to read, knitting sweaters for each and sewing candy-cane-striped pajamas at Christmastime.

In her 40s, she went to work full-time at the University of Minnesota Hospital. She lacked a college education but had the mind of a CFO. She started as a typist and worked her way up to business manager, dealing with complex Medicare codes and computer programming.

After retirement, she served on the Board of Directors of the Becketwood Cooperative, where she resided for four decades. She led the Finance Committee for multiple terms and, even after her final term ended, offered business expertise when requested.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, five siblings (Raymond, Keith, Darrell, Jim, Faith Buss), a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

Memorials or donations may be made to the Becketwood Cooperative or charity of the donor's choice. Memorial-service plans are pending.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418