



Betty Jean Aasgaard

July 5, 1933 – March 10, 2023

Betty Jean Aasgaard, 89, died peacefully with her daughters at her side on Friday March 10th, 2023 at Friendship Village in Bloomington, MN, where she had resided since 2009.

Betty was born on July 5th, 1933 in Lake Mills, Iowa to Gordon and Opal (Monson) Aasgaard, who preceded her in death.

An only child, Betty was baptized and confirmed at Salem Lutheran Church in Lake Mills. She graduated from Lake Mills High School in 1951 as Valedictorian of her class. She studied music throughout her early years, taking voice, piano and organ lessons, and was hired as organist at Salem Lutheran Church. She often played for weddings, funerals, and community events. In 1955 she graduated from St. Olaf College with a degree in music and elementary education. In 1959, she married the Reverend Arnold Hanson at Salem Lutheran Church and was married for 22 years.

Throughout her life, she worked as a church administrator (Moorehead, MN); a high school English teacher (Forest City, IA); in the St. Olaf College Alumni office (Northfield, MN); as an elementary school teacher (St Paul, MN); in cookbook sales for her family's Graphic Publishing Company (Lake Mills, IA); in retail (Mpls area); in county and town government (Anoka County, Burnsville, MN); and as a hospital volunteer. Most importantly, she was a

devoted and beloved mother to her two daughters, raising her family in Seattle, WA; Huxley, IA; and Chatfield, Circle Pines and Burnsville, MN. She was a loving daughter and caregiver for her parents. She adored her sons-in-law and her grandchildren. Always proud of her family members and their accomplishments, she loved and supported them in any way she could.

Betty is survived by her two daughters, Carolyn Hanson Ladd (Jonathan Weber) of Hamden, CT; Roselyn Hanson Weber (Philip Weber) of Chaska, MN; and their father, Arnold Hanson of Plymouth, MN; her three grandchildren, Britta Augdahl (Peter) of Richfield, MN; Noah Weber (Maria) of Squamish, British Columbia; and Annaliv Lill Weber of Chaska; along with many nieces and nephews.

Betty's faith was very important to her and she was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church. She was active in church music, and volunteered in many capacities, including refugee resettlement and faith education.

She was proud of her Norwegian heritage and carried on many cultural traditions with her family. She enjoyed travel, cooking, baking, golfing, needle work and knitting, playing games and attending concerts and plays.

The family wishes to express their deep gratitude and respect for all of Betty's caregivers at Friendship Village and from the Park Nicollet Hospice team. With their steadfast expertise, kindness, and love, they became like extended family through this journey.

A memorial service to celebrate Betty's life will be held in Friendship Hall at Friendship Village, 8100 Highwood Drive, Bloomington MN on Tuesday, March 21st at 4 pm.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that gifts be made to Second Harvest Heartland, Lutheran World Relief, or a charity of your choice.

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