



Betty E. Roe

January 24, 1932 - September 19, 2021

Betty E. Roe, 89, of Manitowish Waters, died Sunday, September 19, 2021, at Seasons of Life Hospice in Woodruff.

Beloved wife of Gaylord Roe and mother of their four children, Betty grew up in southern

Minnesota on her family's farm and graduated from University of Wisconsin Stout, where she met her husband-to-be. After college, she taught home economics at Woodruff High School before she and Gay started their family. For many years she volunteered with area youth as a Vilas County 4-H club leader. At home, Betty proudly worked as bookkeeper for her husband's contracting business. She also managed an extensive vegetable garden and delighted in cooking and preserving the family food. An expert seamstress, she also loved quilting and crocheting rugs, often making items for her children, and later her grandchildren, and for donation to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

In 1974, she was recruited to inaugurate the home economics program at North Lakeland

Elementary School and remained there for twenty years, passionately teaching both girls and boys in 5th through 8th grades about nutrition, food, practical skills for the home, and how to cook and sew. She was known for rigor (giving quizzes on fractions to teach dividing and multiplying quantities in

recipes, and issuing “drivers’ licenses” for sewing, after students passed an at-the-machine exam) and a sense of humor (when the boys, especially, played practical jokes) in her classes. For her family, she lovingly created all kinds of baked goods, and her cookies, fruit pies—always three, always three different fruits—and cracked-wheat raisin bread were unparalleled. In her retirement, a perfect day for Betty might include immersing herself in a sewing project, making an excursion to pick apples or berries, or identifying the many birds that came by the kitchen window while she baked cookies. She was proud of her entire family and reveled in their growth and accomplishments. She is survived by her dear husband Gaylord, her children Kerrie Seeger, Dennis Roe (Fara), Connie Stampfl (David), and Mileta Roe (Marshall), eleven grandchildren (Ross, Kelsey, Kevin, Chad, Keith, Jeffrey, Erika, Matthew, Ben, Satchel, and Bram), four great grandchildren (Esther, Honna, Calvin, and Miriam), as well as nieces and nephews (Brenda, David, Audrey, Laura, Ruth, and Angela).

A funeral service celebrating her life is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2021, 11am, at Faith Lutheran Church in Mercer, WI, with luncheon to follow.

Cemetery Details

Pine Lawn Cemetery

Manitowish Waters, WI

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church
2701 W. Kichak's Landing Road
Mercer, WI 54547

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending sincerest condolences and love for your loss. May special memories bring you peace and comfort at this difficult time. Although I will not be able to attend Aunt Betty's Celebration of Life in person, I will be there in spirit.*



As you grieve, remember the words of this poem by Mary Elizabeth Frye, reminding us that our loved ones are with God:

"Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow; I am the diamond glints on the snow.

I am the sunlight that ripened grain; I am the gentle autumn's rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush,

Of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft star that shines at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there. I did not die."

*Love and hugs,
Laura*

Laura Munson (niece) - October 01, 2021 at 02:39 PM

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“ *I feel a part of me has left with Betty's passing. We bonded our freshman year at Stout . We were roommates for three years sharing the ups and downs of college life. Truly a deep relationship that has lasted 72 years!*

Hazel Nelson Jolliffe

Hazel Jolliffe - September 26, 2021 at 02:30 PM

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“ *Our condolences to the Roe family*

Tom
Lakeland Roofing

Tom Wipp - September 25, 2021 at 08:29 AM