



## Lucille Albrecht

February 2, 1921 - September 10, 2021

Lucille (Lu) Albrecht (age 100) entered eternal life on September 10, 2021 at Marshfield Hospital. She was born on February 2, 1921 in Janesville, Wisconsin to Harald and Helga (Gyving) Pedersen, both preceding her in death.

Lu graduated from Janesville High School in 1938 in the midst of the depression. Her father died when she was a sophomore in high school. Upon graduation, she began working as a secretary in a local law firm where she remained until she enlisted in the Navy WAVES in 1942.

Her Naval service began when she received orders to attend indoctrination at Oklahoma A&M University in Stillwater. Upon completion of the program, she was assigned to the Navy Department's Bureau of Ships in Washington, D.C., where she served as a yeoman until she applied for Officer's Training School and entered the Midshipman's Program at Smith College in Massachusetts. Upon graduation, she received her commission as an ensign and was reassigned to the Bureau of Ships where she served until the end of World War II. She retired in 1945 at the rank of Lt. (j.g). Lu was a participant in the Never to be Forgotten Honor Flight to Washington, DC in 2011.

At the conclusion of World War II, and on November 10, 1945, at First Lutheran Church in Janesville, WI, she married her fiancé, Raymond Albrecht,

who had just returned from the European Theater of Operations serving as a command pilot and flight leader. They made their home in Alexandria, Virginia where they were blessed by the birth of their daughter, Peg.

While living in Virginia, Lu was employed as a legal secretary to the U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia and was involved in preparing legal documents in two major cases, one of which was argued and decided by the U.S Supreme Court in Washington.

Lu had a lifelong interest in photography and following her retirement, studied at the Northern Virginia Community College. After moving to Minocqua, she joined the Photographic Society of America where she competed internationally in nature photography. She was listed in PSA's "Who's Who in Photography".

Lu and her husband were both charter members of Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua and also Peace Lutheran Church in Alexandria, Virginia. She was the first secretary of Ascension during its founding.

In addition to photography, her hobbies included Norwegian baking, hiking, attending concerts and plays, and watching the Green Bay Packers football games.

Through the years, she was active in Ascension Lutheran Church, Sons of Norway Lodge, Lakeland Senior Center, Lakeland Vintage Auto Club, and the Lakeland Art League.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Albrecht, two brothers, Harold and Erling Pedersen, two sisters, Hjordis

Knutson, and Signe Pedersen.

She is survived by daughter Peg Albrecht, son-in-law, Sigmund Rannem, two granddaughters, Sonja-Liv Rannem (Murguia), Kaia Rannem (Frank), great grandson James Alexander Frank and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church on Friday, October 8, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. with visitation beginning at 10:00 A.M. Interment will follow the service at the Ascension Columbarium and a reception in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua, or the Wisconsin Talking Books and Braille Library , 813 West Wells St., Milwaukee, Wi 53233-1436.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ascension Lutheran Church  
7937 Hwy 51 S  
Minocqua, WI

## Memorial Service

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RB

“ Peg, I was checking on several of our 442nd troop carrier group veterans and family and learned the news. Aunt Lucille was such a special person, as was your dad. I have many fond memories of them. I've never forgotten the long weekend I spent with them. Your dad picked me up at the train station and while he finished working, he let me walk about Washington before meeting him at the Justice Department. At 14 I was able to see my first anti-war demonstration. I remember Aunt Lucille and her smiles and interest in my activities. When I transcribed my dad's wartime letters, I learned how the friendship between our parents grew. I know how hard it is to move through the death of a parent. I also know that the memories will give you strength. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Regina Wirtanen Buker, skytrainpilot@gmail.com

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**Regina Wirtanen Buker** - October 22, 2021 at 01:58 PM



Christine  
McLynn

“ *In the early 1970s, Aunt Lucille and Uncle Ray welcomed me into their home when I landed a summer internship at the Department of Justice in Washington, DC. It was an interesting and fun summer, exploring the city's many world-class museums, libraries, and entertainment venues. Lucille and Ray made sure I connected with all the city had to offer.*

*I was dating my future husband at the time, and he joined us on weekends when he could get away from his duty station. I have a picture in my head of the four of us making peppermint ice cream on the back porch of their home. They had an old hand cranked freezer, and as the mixture hardened, Lucille stood on top of the freezer to hold it steady while Ray and Larry (my future husband) took turns cranking the freezer. It was a funny sight and soon we were all giggling. Ice cream never tasted so good on a hot summer's day. I will always remember the warm welcome and security they extended to me that summer. It allowed me to fully enjoy the experience of being there.*

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**Christine McLynn** - October 07, 2021 at 09:49 PM

TJ

“ *As the Oneida County Veterans Service Officer, I had the honor and privilege of serving both Lu and Ray. They were both such genuine and kind people. I really admired Lu because as a Navy retiree myself, I know women like her paved the way for all women who came after them. I will truly miss her but I find comfort in knowing she's reunited with Ray. My deepest sympathies, Peg and family.*

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**Tammy Javenkoski** - September 17, 2021 at 04:48 PM

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“ Dear Lu, living to 100! I've been so grateful to know Lu and Ray all these years. We met first at Ascension in Minocqua, when we held services at the AV-W grade school, and our friendship was cemented when we discovered our military experiences. We weren't BFFs, but I consider her a good friend because she and Ray were the type of people who, once met, were always good friends. I enjoyed their stories about their travels and military lives and will miss her special and welcoming smile. What a special Mom and Grandma she must have been! She's the type of person whose life will always be celebrated. I wish we could be at that celebration. Our heartfelt condolences to Lu's children and grandchildren.



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**Jennifer Tiziani** - September 17, 2021 at 03:02 PM