



Betty E. Pinnow

April 20, 1922 - January 19, 2015

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Waconia, MN - Betty E. (née: Milaeger) Pinnow, 92, a courageous woman of faith entered into eternal life on January 19, 2015. Betty will be remembered for her positive determined spirit and her steadfast faith in Christ. Betty was born to John and Minnie Milaeger (née Nitz) in Milwaukee, WI on April 20, 1922. In December of 1929 the family moved to Racine, WI. Betty attended St. John's Lutheran School and Wm. Horlick High School. Upon graduation she worked at SC Johnson Wax, Inc. On February 19, 1944 she was united in marriage to Sgt. Walter E. Pinnow. Together they raised three children in Racine.

Betty owned and operated Baskin Robbins Ice Cream Store on Main Street for 28 years where she excelled at cake decorating. Betty enjoyed music, singing, gardening, sewing and painting. For many years she made award winning antique reproduction porcelain dolls. Betty was also active in many church and community organizations.

Betty is survived by her son, Kurt (Phyllis) Pinnow of Rochester, MN, daughter, Kimberly (Doug) Hile of Excelsior, MN, daughter-in-law, Kristie Pinnow of Phelps, WI; Grandchildren, John (Hadley) Pinnow and their children Benjamin, Samuel, Noah and Sophia of Maple Valley, WA; Peter (Jennie) Pinnow and their children Paul and Ella of Eden Prairie, MN; Matthew (Bobbi) Pinnow and their children Addison and Hannah of Westchester, NY; Christopher Pinnow and his children Griffin and Ava of Houghton, MI; Brian

Pinnow of Tolland, MA; Laura (Joshua) Kimber and their children Madelyn, Taylor and Abigail of Chanhasssen, MN; J. Peter (Ashley) Hile of Littleton, CO. Betty is further survived by her dear sister-in-law, Joan Milaeger, special niece, Kristine (Daniel) Reisdorf, Kevin (Susan) Milaeger, Kent (Robin) Milaeger, Connie (Ken) Shriver, Dean (Tia) Stecher, Scott (Sue) Stecher, brother-in-law, Edward Stecher. In addition, she is survived by many dear cousins, great-nieces and great-nephews with whom she shared many fond moments. She also enjoyed a special relationship with the staff and residents at the Lighthouse of Waconia.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Walter E. Pinnow on June 9, 1974, son, Dr. Kory E. Pinnow, brother, Daniel F. Milaeger, parents, John and Minnie Milaeger, in-laws, Hans and Mary Pinnow, sister-in-law, Ruth Stecher, nephew, Greg (Pattie) Stecher, dear cousin, Helen Wirthman; and dear friends, Ruth Robey, Mary Hegeman, Evelyn Kapow.

Funeral services will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 510 Kewaunee St. on Friday, January 23, 2015 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Jack Gilbert officiating. There will be a visitation at the church on Friday before services from 10 a.m. until service time at 11 a.m. Betty will be laid to rest next to Walter at Graceland Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations to St. John's Lutheran School Endowment Fund Racine, WI or Trinity Lutheran Church, Waconia, MN are appreciated.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Betty Pinnow. We have special memories of her from our days working at the Baskin-Robbins (BR) store on Main Street and for the pizza get togethers at her house for all the BR employees. BR was a kind of family gathering place for its employees and it was a place where friendships were developed and nurtured and where lifetime memories were made and Betty and her family are certainly a part of all those memories. BR is where we met our future spouses. So Betty will live on in our memories and there will always be a special place in our hearts for her and our days working at BR.

Joe & Phyllis (Jensen) Simanek & Dave & Jill (Signer) Simanek

Joe & Phyllis Simanek - January 24, 2015 at 07:28 AM

JM

“ I am so sorry to lose my dear sister-in-law and kindest friend. We shared many happy times, including singing together as we dried dishes at family gatherings at my in-laws, John and Min Milaeger's house. I hope that everyone who loved Betty can cherish the happy times as is suggested in this poem, entitled "To Go On"

*You can shed tears that she is gone,
Or you can smile because she has lived.
You can close your eyes
And pray that she'll come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her,
Or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow
And live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow
Because of yesterday.
You can remember her and only that she's gone,
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind
Or you can do what she'd want:
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

*Love and blessings to the family,
Your Aunt Joan*

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“ I would like to offer my deepest sympathies to you. All of us have experienced the loss of a loved one. I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are never alone. Turn to the Holy Scriptures for guidance and to help soothe your heart. Psalms 34:18 assures us that God is near to those broken at heart and crushed in spirit. Please accept my deepest sympathies.

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