

In Loving Memory

Beverly Joanne Solvie was born April 5, 1932 in Hoff Township in Pope County, at her grandparents' home, to Raymond and Marion (Halvorson) Solvie. She was baptized at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Hancock, MN on May 8, 1932. She was confirmed on June 2, 1946, at Cyrus Lutheran Church. She attended and graduated in 1950 from Cyrus High School. Following high school, she attended and graduated from Moorhead State Teacher's College in 1952. She then taught elementary school in Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

While singing in the church choir in Redwood, she met a handsome baritone, Peter Reque and they began dating. On June 12, 1954, Beverly was married to Peter Reque at Cyrus Lutheran Church with Peter's father, Rev. Paul S. Reque officiating. Their first home was in Manistique, Michigan, where Beverly continued teaching at Cooks Area School. In 1956, they moved to Bloomington, Minnesota, where Bev taught at Westwood School while Pete attended the University. In 1957, they moved to Decorah, Iowa for two years, where Pete taught at Luther College, before they moved to Alexandria in the fall of 1959. In 1955, in the middle of all this, Pete and Bev built an A&W Root Beer stand in Manistique, Michigan which they owned and operated in the summers until 1962, when they sold it to devote more time to their two children, David and Diane whom they adopted as infants in 1961 and 1962.

Beverly was a wife, mother, and homemaker. She took part in many activities at her church including WELCA, circles, teaching Sunday, release time and vacation bible school. She enjoyed baking, sewing, reading, entertaining friends and family, compiling family history, genealogy study and baking.

When Peter retired in 1987 from teaching, Bev helped him with a new business, Viking Microscope Service, which took them all around Minnesota during the summer months visiting schools and doing microscope repair work.

Beverly Reque, age 87 of Alexandria, passed away on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at her home in Grand Arbor. Beverly is survived by one son, David Reque (Keely Edwards) of Farwell; one daughter, Diane (Eric) Storvick of Mankato; five beloved grandsons, Kyle (Dawn) Reque of Ashby, Kasey Reque of Alexandria, Anders, Peder, and Kai Storvick of Mankato; and eight great grandchildren, Kaleb, Kaiden, Tristin, Natalie, Brody, Hope, Kyla, and Hailey.

Also surviving, is her sister-in-law Bobbie Jo Solvie of Morris; brothers and sisters-in-law Torry Henderson of Des Moines, Iowa, Paul Duckstad of Redwood Falls, MN and Sylvia Reque of Longville, MN; several nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Peter Reque; parents, Raymond and Marion Solvie, and her brother Duane Allen Solvie.



Beverly Joanne Reque
1932 - 2019

Parable Of A Mother

The young mother set her foot on the path of Life. "Is the way long?" she asked. And her Guide said: "Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed with them in the streams, and the sun shone on them, and life was good, and the young mother cried: "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this".

Then night came, and storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle and the children said: "Oh, Mother, we are not afraid for you are near, and no harm can come." And the mother said: "This is better than the brightest of days, for I have taught my children courage."

And the morning came and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, and the mother was weary, but at all times she said to the children: "A little patience and we are there." So the children climbed, and when they reached the top, they said: "We could not have done it without you, Mother." And the mother, when she lay down that night, looked up at the stars and said: "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of difficulty. Yesterday I gave them courage, Today I have given them strength."

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth - clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the mother said: "Look up! Lift your eyes to the light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an Everlasting Glory, and it guided them beyond the darkness. And that night the mother said: "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

And the days went on, and the months and the years, and the mother grew old, and she was small and bent. But her children were strong and tall and walked with courage. And when the way was hard, they helped their mother; and when the way was rough they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill, and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide. And the mother said: "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."

And the children said: "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates."

And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said: "We cannot see her, but she is with us. A mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence."

Celebrating the Life of **Beverly Joanne Reque**

April 5, 1932 † July 23, 2019

Memorial Service

First Lutheran Church
Alexandria, Minnesota
Monday, July 29, 2019
11:00 AM

Officiant

Reverend Ben Jacobson

Organist

Randy Morken

Vocal Soloist

Jere Solvie

Instrumental Soloist

Mark Henderson

Honorary Urn Bearers

Kyle Reque Kasey Reque
Anders Storvick Peder Storvick
Kai Storvick

Interment

Cyrus South Cemetery
Cyrus, Minnesota



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