



Betty Lou Manley was born on February 21, 1930, in Spicer, Minnesota, the daughter of Raymond and Pearl (Norbie) Hopkins. She attended school in Kandiyohi and Willmar, graduated from Willmar High School in 1949 and attended St. Cloud Teachers College. On June 6, 1953, Betty was united in marriage to Robert Cecil Manley. They were blessed with three sons, Todd, Scott and Terry; one daughter, LaChandrea and 53 years of marriage. She enjoyed her children

and grandchildren and provided day care and foster care. Betty loved to cook and write poetry. Her friends and family were very special to her.

Betty and Robert made their home in rural Spicer and attended Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church for many years before moving to Longville in 2001. In 2006 Bob passed away and then Betty lived with her son Scott and his wife, Eunice for over 14 years until recently moving to the Good Shepherd Community in Sauk Rapids.

Betty passed away Friday morning, June 30, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Home in Sauk Rapids at the age of 93.

Betty is survived by her children, Todd (and Sandy) Manley of Grand Rapids, Scott (and Eunice) Manley of Deer River and Chandie (and James) Kraus of Blomkest; eleven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Also surviving is one sister, Cheryl Lukason of Sauk Rapids and one brother, Richard (and Claudia) Hopkins of Willmar, besides other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son Terry; and four siblings, Laverne, Delbert, Janelle and Janet.

Celebrating the Life of



Betty Lou Manley

1930 - 2023

When I am gone

When I am gone, release me, let me go.

*I have so many things to see and do
you mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.*

Be happy that we had these years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess

how much you gave me happiness.

Thank you for the love you've shown,

but now it's time I traveled alone.

*So grieve awhile for me if you must,
then let your grief be comforted by trust.*

*It's only for awhile that we must part,
so bless the memories that be within your heart.*

*I won't be far away for life goes on
so if you need me, call and I will come.*

Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.

*And if you listen with your heart,
you'll hear my love around you soft and clear.
And then when you must come this way alone*

I'll greet you with a smile and say,

"Welcome Home".

In Loving Memory Of

Betty Lou Manley

February 21, 1930
Spicer, Minnesota

June 30, 2023
Sauk Rapids, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Monday, July 10, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.

Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church
Spicer, Minnesota

Celebrant

Fr. Steve Verhelst

Musicians

Tim & Mary Pieh
John & Roseanne Van Heuveln
Jeanne Heer

Gathering Song: "Amazing Grace"

Responsorial Psalm: "Shepherd Me O God" – Psalm 23

Preparation of the Gifts: "How Great Thou Art"

Communion: "On Eagles Wings"

Song of Farewell: "The Hand of God Shall Hold You"

Going Forth: "I'll Fly Away"

Casketbearers

Robert Manley Kelly Manley
Matt Baker Drew Ferguson
James Kraus Eric Hopkins

Interment

Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Cemetery
Spicer, Minnesota