



Beatrice Elizabeth Essig

February 15, 1923 - November 14, 2020

Beatrice Elizabeth Essig of Cadillac was born February 15, 1923 in Rogers City, Michigan to Alfred & Bertha (Karsten) Rieger. The Lord called her Home Saturday morning, November 14, 2020 at the age of 97 years.

In 1941 she graduated from Rogers City High School. Her first position as a secretary was at ALCOA in Detroit. In the following years she served in the same capacity at St. Johns Table Company and TV 9 & 10 in Cadillac and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Flint.

Reverend Raymond A. Essig and Beatrice were married on March 17, 1945 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Detroit. Their first home was in Melfort, Saskatchewan, Canada. They also lived in Jamison and Bloomfield, Nebraska; Columbus, Ohio; Petoskey and Cadillac, Michigan. His last parish was at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Cadillac. Their marriage was blessed with four children.

She is survived by daughters: Elizabeth (Rev. Richard) Collin of Ewart, Michigan, Ruth Essig of Cadillac and Marilyn Muir of Manton; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; one sister, Norma Geyer of Rogers City, Michigan as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Those who preceded her in death were her husband who was called Home in 1975; a son, Richard in 1995; two sisters: Erna (Paul) Claus and Arlis (Kenneth) Krause; one brother, William (Gertrude) Rieger; son-in-law, Robert Muir in 2019; brother-in-law, Richard Geyer.

She served her Lord in many ways. Some of her activities included teaching Sunday School (young children as well as high school students) and women's Bible study groups, leading devotions, choir, ministering to pastor's widows in Michigan, sending cards and notes to those in need, visiting shut-ins, etc.; and she held offices on all levels in Michigan for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

For relaxation she enjoyed working in her flowers gardens as well as being an avid fan of the Detroit tigers. Writing was another hobby; whether it was articles on various subjects: devotions, prayers or letters. Vacations were spent traveling throughout the country as well as abroad to Japan, Korea and Germany. After living in Flint for twenty plus years she returned to Cadillac in 1997 to be near to her daughters.

A service of celebration will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, November 19, 2020 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Cadillac with Reverend Richard Collin officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery in Rogers City, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be given to LWML or Hospice of Michigan Cadillac Chapter. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ *What a sweet lady so kind and caring and always that beautiful smile to greet you when you saw her. May she Rest In Peace.*

Mickey Stojic Burns - December 13, 2020 at 07:24 PM

HW

“ *We remember Bea fondly from our time together on the St. Paul, Flint staff. She was so kind and so strong in faith. We saw Jesus through her, and now she lives with Him. Our condolences to the family.*

Howard and Harriet Warnick - November 19, 2020 at 12:10 PM

TD

“ *Sorry for the loss of your mother. No matter how old we are we still need our mom. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Tom and Lois Darrow - November 17, 2020 at 06:37 PM

CC

“ *So sorry to hear of your moms passing. Remember when I came to visit you Ruth after school. She was a very loving lady. Condolences to your family*

Cathy Gullekson Cochrane - November 16, 2020 at 05:49 PM

PS

“ *I am going to miss visiting with Bea in recent years. She was always so willing to share stories of her past travels as a minister's wife. Bea will be remembered as a missionary for the Lord.*

Pat Struck - November 16, 2020 at 06:04 AM

MB

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. I will remember the smile your mother always had. What a lovely lady she was.*

Mary K BENSON - November 16, 2020 at 04:43 AM