



Betsy Webster

June 2, 1921 - September 14, 2019

Betsy L. Webster, 98, of Kankakee, Illinois, entered Heaven's gates, on September 14, 2019, at Miller Rehabilitation in Kankakee. She was born June 2, 1921, to Dr. Charles R. and Elsie (Curry) Lockwood in Kankakee. She met J. Vincent Webster at First (Asbury) Methodist Church where the two married March 14, 1946.

After graduating from Gallagher's Business School in 1940, Betsy became a bookkeeper at Turk's Furniture. Betsy was a lifelong member of Asbury Church, where she faithfully served as a Sunday school teacher, UMW Thrift Shop founder/volunteer, UMW chair, funeral dinner coordinator, as well as anywhere help was needed. She was a loving mother and maintained many friendships from her days at Steuben and Kankakee High Schools. Her favorite memories were of camping trips with family and friends. Betsy had a knack for creating something from nothing, such as clothing, costumes, decorations, and treasured egg ornaments. Her creativity was a wonderful gift to her children. Her spirit of sharing benefited 4-H, Scouting, Red Cross, election polls, Riverside Hospital, HCE, and the Kankakee Historical Society.

Betsy is survived by her three children; Richard Webster (Beth) of New Albany, IN, Jane (John) Eyler of Aiken, SC, and Nancy (Dirk) Porter of Roseville, CA, her grandchildren; Christopher (Alicia) Eyler, Kathryn (David) Chellgren, Betsy (Mark) Downs, Daniel (Brigitte) Porter, and Justin (Kaysea) Porter. Also surviving are 9 greatgrandchildren and 15 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, sisters Mary Elsie Schneider and Hester Quigley, and a niece and a nephew.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, September 28, at 9:30 AM, at Asbury UMC, followed by a service celebrating her life in the sanctuary at 10:30. Burial, beside her husband, will be in Mound Grove Cemetery in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to Asbury UMC, Hospice of Kankakee Valley, or The American Red Cross.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens of Memory

1000 N Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

SEP 28. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Asbury United Methodist Church
196 S. Harrison
Kankakee, IL 60901

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Betsy Webster family, I loved each time Betsy visited Roseville. She was so full of life and energy. I couldn't keep up with her on her walks around the neighborhood. She was always smiling and interested others. Now reading how creative and talented she was I see where her children and grandchildren gleaned their talent! She was certainly God's gift to so many on earth and now has a life abundant with loved ones who passed before her. Love and prayers of comfort to all of the remaining family. You were blessed by her presence and she is home at last. Bob and Roni Hartley, Roseville, CA

Bob and Roni Hartley, Roseville CA - September 27, 2019 at 01:43 PM

MA

“ What a blessing it was to know Betsy - the Midwestern matriarch of her beautiful family. Your sweet smile and creative talents will live on in your children and grandchildren. Rest in peace. With love and sympathy to your family~ Molly and Randy Anderson, Roseville, CA

Molly Anderson - September 25, 2019 at 06:02 PM

AW

“ Betsy, the smile on your face in this beautiful photo is exactly as I remember you - each and every time you visited Roseville, CA. A gracious, sweet, and unassuming woman. I remember "walking your legs off" around our neighborhood with Nancy, only to come to the realization that you could probably walk circles around us all!

I have enjoyed the stories of your life in Kankakee -- Nancy updated me on each of our morning walks. I also marveled at the beautiful and creative decorated eggs that you made over the years.

I know that you were ready to go home, and I take comfort and peace in knowing that you are there. May you find your way to be present to your loved ones who remain here on this earth, and we look forward to reuniting with you when our times come.

*With love,
Anne (and Jeff) Williams
Roseville, CA*

Anne Williams - September 25, 2019 at 10:09 AM

ME

“ Great memories of Mrs Webster and her cozy home and devotion to family and church. Our sympathy to the family. Barry & Marcia Erdman

Marcia Erdman - September 25, 2019 at 09:48 AM