



Alice Kathryn Coulter Bein

October 31, 1922 - February 14, 2020

Alice Kathryn Coulter Bein was born on Halloween, 1922, in Corning, IA to Naomi Ruth Harvey Coulter and Harry Raymond Coulter. She died on Valentine's Day, 2020, at the age of 97. Her death brought an end to a life that touched many others. She was still receiving notes and letters from friends and former students at the time of her death.

Alice grew up in a musical home and played clarinet, cello and piano. At 17, Alice took a train by herself from that small town in western Iowa to Oberlin, OH, where she completed a bachelor's degree in music education. Alice taught music in Early and Fort Dodge, IA. In the fall of 1948, she, a last-minute substitute for a woman who had taken ill, went on a blind date with Donald Henry Bein. In the summer of 1949, Alice and Don were married. This past summer they celebrated seventy years of marriage with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Alice's pride in her family was unmatched.

In addition to raising her family and being the supportive wife of a business executive (navigating moves to Kansas City, KS, Old Tappan, NJ, Hawley, PA, Lake of the Ozarks, MO, and finally Rockford, IL), Alice taught private cello and piano lessons, served in choirs and as accompanist in the churches where she and Don worshipped, and was a faithful member of P.E.O. The same week she was admitted to fulltime care she had played for chapel services at Peterson Meadows.

Alice's children were raised in a Rodgers and Hammerstein home where they were taught the lessons of "Climb Every Mountain 'til You Find Your Dream" and "When You Walk Through a Storm Hold Your Head Up High". Her family includes husband Donald Bein; children Miriam (Jim) Mercer, Martha Bein (Steven Larsen) and Paul (La Von) Bein; grandchildren Andrew (Jaimie) Mercer, Sarah Bein (Kyle) Dreher, Laura Mercer, Vanessa Larsen (Chuck) Strada, Rachel (Peter) Bostrom, Krista Larsen, Lindsay Bein, Jackson Regnier and Cameron Larsen; great-grandchildren Albany, Will and Suzie Mercer, Lucy and Hank Dreher, James, Drew, Eric and Neil Filoso, C.J., Chloë and Asher Strada and Baby Girl Bostrom (due to arrive in May); sisters Ruth Ann Coulter Ferris and Lois Bein Freeman; niece and nephews and their children. All will be forever grateful for her

presence in their lives. Alice's family sincerely thanks the staff of Kirk's Place at Wesley Willows and Heartland Hospice for the care they provided Alice.

Alice's life will be celebrated in a Memorial Service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3300 Rural Street, on Friday February 21 at 11:00. Visitation will precede the service from 9:00 to 10:45. At Alice's request, her body will be donated to the University of Wisconsin for the advancement of science. In lieu of flowers, please honor Alice through donations to the Nielsen Chorale.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
3300 Rural Street
Rockford, IL 61107

Funeral Service

FEB 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Rockford, IL 61107

Tribute Wall

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“ I was preparing my Mother's Christmas card list, (Margaret Parker Niebruegge, 98) and saw that Alice had passed this year. Alice was a dear childhood friend of my Mother's. My Mom took music lessons from Mrs. Coulter, played with Alice while waiting for her lessons, and is constantly calling me Alice with a huge smile on her face! She thought the world of Alice and the entire Coulter family. They were a big part of her growing up in Corning, IA. Thank you for allowing me to finally put a face to Mom's fond memories. So sorry for your loss.
Margaret's daughter, Linda

Linda Steidl - December 15, 2020 at 02:29 PM

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“ I was honored to have met and know Alice from PEO Chapter NJ. She was so funny, spunky and kind. She will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with Don and his family.
With PEO sisterly love,
Mary Williamson



Mary Williamson - February 20, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Alice Kathryn Coulter Bein.



February 20, 2020 at 09:22 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Alice Kathryn Coulter Bein.



February 19, 2020 at 06:53 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alice Kathryn Coulter Bein.*



February 19, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Alice Kathryn Coulter Bein.*



February 18, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alice Kathryn Coulter Bein.*



February 18, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alice Kathryn Coulter Bein.*



February 18, 2020 at 01:29 PM

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“ *Alice was always so hospitable. When ever we visited she would always do the cooking herself. We rented a houseboat on Lake of the Ozarks with 3 other couples one summer. We called to ask if we could drop in to see them before or after our week. She insisted all 8 of us stay at their lovely home there. She and Uncle Don even feed us! She was a great and welcoming lady, talented and full of experiences to tell about. I sure enjoyed her over the years. There was a column in reader's Digest called "My Most Unforgettable Character". I would say Aunt Alice is up there for me. Love you Aunt Alice*

Carol Freeman - February 17, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Alice Kathryn Coulter Bein.* ”



February 16, 2020 at 08:07 PM