



Bernice Beatrice Follmar

April 25, 1919 - January 22, 2014

Bernice Beatrice Follmar's spirit left her physical being of 94 years on January 22, 2014 to join her husband, Dr. Frederick F. Follmar, to travel forever together singing "You Are My Sunshine". Bernice was born in Milwaukee, WI, daughter of Christian and Mathea Bakemeyer. She graduated from the Milwaukee School of Nursing as a Registered Nurse, an accomplishment that gave her great pride. She met and married Fred while they both worked at Milwaukee County General Hospital, then moved to Loves Park and Rockford where they raised four lovely children. Bernice was active with her children in their school and scouting activities, and loved to make costumes for their plays and Halloween. For over 30 years, she and Fred sent hundreds of annual homemade Christmas cards in which she penned all the verses and drew the caricatures. Traveling, Bridge clubs and neighborhood parties were her love.

Bernice is survived by her children: Sally [Robert] Cruthoff, Gerald [Nancy] Follmar, Robert [Carol] Follmar and Maureen [Larry] Wildes, eleven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Fred, her brother Roland Bakemeyer and one grandchild, David Follmar.

Cremation services provided by Grace Funeral & Cremation Services; a family memorial service will follow at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials are encouraged to be made to Lifescape Community Services of Rockford.

Tribute Wall

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“ Hello from Dwight Kay and Frank Linqvist..

First and foremost to Bee...Love your reunion with Fred, your friends and old neighbors. When was the first Bridge Game? God Rest in heaven with the love around you. We hope Eleanor and Leonard were right there with Fred waiting for you.

To all of the Follmar family...we can not thank Bee and Fred for making a point to stay in touch with us after Eleanor died in 1993 at 66 (Leonard was 52 in 1976) . We tell you this as bet you had know idea how young they were. Fred was so good to Frank, wanted him to go to Notre Dame like he, Jerry and my Dad..and sadly he passed away before he found out Frank went to Loyola in Chicago...where he went to Medical school. Fred and Bee gave us the connection to our past we needed so much after Dad and Mom left us. The stories they would tell us about Dad and Mom were priceless. The last time I saw Bee, she asked how Eleanor was doing...I lost her that day..but I will tell you, she looked happy and beautiful.....Our Sympathy to you all...just know, we thought the world of your Mom and Dad...

Love,

Dwight, Kay and Frank

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