

April 2024 Obituary for Bea Hunt



Bea Hunt's Memorial Service will be held April 27, 2024, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, 10:00 AM Visitation, 11:00 AM Service followed by a church luncheon. The service will be live streamed. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to church music funds. Arrangements by Appleyard Funeral Home in Rice Lake.

Obituary

Beatrice "Bea" Hunt, a beloved wife and mother died peacefully at age 92, Sunday, January 21, 2024, in Rice Lake, Wisconsin. She is survived by her husband, Ramon Hunt, and daughter NormaRae Hunt and son-in-law Garth Schumacher, and daughter Ramona K. Hunt along with grandson, Jonathan Hunt Burke, and daughter-in-law Beth Houlihan Burke, and four great-grandchildren, Jack, Mason, Colin, and Eloise.

Bea was born in October 1931 in Cameron, Wisconsin to Raymond and Emma (Brower) Hickok and siblings Esther and John. She graduated from Barron High School in 1949 having loved playing the French Horn in the high school marching band. She also learned to play the piano at this time, the beginning of a life-long passion for music.

Bea and Ray married in July 1951 in Rice Lake. Together they and their daughters made many geographical moves within the United States to include Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and New York. In addition, they lived in Italy and Germany, moves related to Ramon's ministry as an army chaplain. Just a few years ago, Ray and Bea celebrated their 70th anniversary!

Bea continued to live an ever more expanding life. In addition to being a supportive wife and mother, she excelled in several ways. Bea was a great cook offering warm hospitality to many friends and family. She also served as a church and civic volunteer extraordinaire. Bea was in a variety of leadership roles and served as a Red Cross volunteer and taught citizenship classes to name just two. She was awarded the Valiant Woman Award as president of Church Women United while in North Carolina.

As noted earlier, her love of music began in high school and led to piano and organ accompaniment for worship services, funerals, and weddings until as recently as just a few years ago. She also regularly participated in church and community choirs wherever they lived.

Bea enjoyed vegetable and flower gardening, planted trees everywhere she moved, enjoyed knitting, crocheting, and rock painting. In the final two decades, while at the hobby farm, she especially loved the cats and horses who came under their care.

Bea photographed the many get-togethers with friends and family, to always include the animals, and she documented all the travels, especially in Europe. There are many photo albums to her credit.

Finally, Bea had a special way of meeting people and offering them her care and attention in the many places she lived. She was truly a beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, great aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother, cousin and—a very good friend and neighbor. We thank God for her life!