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## Betty Jane Peters

September 5, 1921 ~ January 19, 2022 (age 100)



### Services

A service summary is not available

Betty Jane Peters, 100 passed away peacefully in her sleep and went to be with the Lord on January 19th 2022. We can't even imagine all the fun she's having reuniting with dear family and friends who have passed before her. Especially her husband Gordon who passed on January 4th 2001 who was the love of her life! Until Betty Jane passed she would tell stories of how she had dreams of going out on dates with Gordy, dancing and watching sunsets on the beach. She often said her dreams of him were so wonderful she didn't want to wake up. Before her passing she was visited by several family members and friends. We also FaceTimed with her and other family members. She will be dearly missed by all! We have such great memories of traveling together, sharing family times and enjoying life! Betty Jane loved life! She was always optimistic and squeezed the most out of her 100 years! Betty Jane was born on September, 5th, 1921 to Anna (Romansky) and Henry Arthur Hartman in Milwaukee WI. She grew up on the West side and attended West Division High School. Summers were spent on her grandparents farm in Phillips WI. Her parents divorced on Dec. 14th 1926. Betty Janes Mother Anna remarried on Sept. 9th, 1933 to Clarence Horlivy when Betty Jane was 12. He was a wonderful father to Betty Jane and her sister Arlene Krolic (deceased). Then in 1942 WWII broke out and Betty Jane's high school sweetheart Gordy joined the Marines. Before Gordon was shipped out to the South Pacific and fought in the battle of Iwo Jima, they were married in San Diego at the Marine Base on August 22, 1942. They had 2 sons Gordon Richard born in 1943 when his father was at war, and their other son Robert Mathew who was born 8 years later in 1951. Betty Jane lived in the Milwaukee and Greendale area and worked at the Milwaukee Journal. Like many war brides Betty Jane lived with her parents during the war and Betty and her father worked and Betty Jane's mother stayed home to take care of her grandson Gordon Richard. Gordy came home after WWII in 1946 & saw his 4 yr. old son Gordon Richard for the 1st time. She then moved to Chicago & LaGrange ILL. For 8 years Betty Jane worked in the office of Lyons Township HighSchool. She and Gordy then moved to Rochester, MN. where they owned and operated the food equipment business Hobart Sales & Service. They retired to Sun City AZ. in 1983. Spending winters in AZ. and Summers at their lake home in Solon Springs WI. Betty Jane was very active in volunteering and in many clubs. She loved life in Arizona! Betty Jane was on the Wis. Day picnic Committee for over 15 yrs. She was an active member and President of the

79er's Lioness Club. She was a volunteer on the Sun City Posse for 27 years patrolling, training and dispatching. In 1984 at the young age of 63 she became a member of the Clay Corner at Marinette and was president 6 times over her 34 years there. Betty Jane an amazing sculptress created beautiful art with clay and pottery. She entered many pieces in shows and won many trophies and ribbons. Her pride and joy was working on the Statues at the entrance to LakeView Rec. Center on Del Webb and Thunderbird Ave. These Bronze Statues represent the Volunteers of the SunCity area. Last but not least there wasn't a bigger Packer Fan than Betty Jane! She loved her Packers, Win or lose, she truly did bleed green and gold! Betty Jane was a world traveler, she traveled all over Europe, South, & Central America, the Mediterranean, Egypt, China, Mexico, Canada, & United States including Hawaii & Alaska. Betty Jane is survived by her 2 sons and daughters Gordon Richard (wife Kay Peters) Robert (wife Candice Peters), 7 Grandchildren Tara (John) Saaristo, Shannon (Matt) Dickenson, Benjamin (Jennifer) Peters, Ian (Jessica) Peters, Megen (Rob) Meier, Nolan (Fadia) Greene, and Kyle Greene, 17 Great Grandchildren, Onika Poehls, Jordan and Lucas Saaristo, Owen, Ben, and Issac Dickenson, Ashley Deschampe and Lucas Peters, Claire, Emilie and Henry Peters, Garrett, Emmett, and Bennett Meier, Leonard & baby Greene 3/2022 and Warren Greene. Schad & Zabel Funeral Home in Plainview MN. is assisting the family. In late spring her ashes will be interred at the National Veteran's Cemetery, in Scottsdale AZ. next to her husband. Part of her Ashes will be interred in Northern WI. Details to follow at [schadandzabelfuneralhome.com](http://schadandzabelfuneralhome.com). The Family would like to Thank Green Prairie Care Center in Plainview and Mayo Hospice Rochester for the loving care Betty Jane received before her death.

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## Guest Book



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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Betty Jane Peters**

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