



Betty Lou Schmitt

October 27, 1933 - August 29, 2025

Betty Lou Schmitt, 91, of Kirkwood, Missouri, passed away peacefully on August 29, 2025. Born on October 27, 1933, in St. Louis, she was the beloved daughter of the late Charles W. and Rev. Letha J. Hendrick; loving wife of the late Theodore H. Schmitt; devoted mother of Paul (Angela) Schmitt and Susan (Brian) Holt, and a dear friend to many whose lives she touched with her kindness, creativity, and positive strength.

Betty met her husband Ted through American Youth Hostels, where their shared love of the outdoors sparked a lifelong friendship and partnership. They were married on June 16, 1962, and spent their years together hiking, biking, canoeing, camping, and traveling extensively throughout the United States and abroad—especially to Germany, where Ted grew up. Each year Betty, Theo, Paul and Susan and family friends traveled on Spring Break to Florida to walk the beach and hunt sea shells together. The Schmitt family had a pop-up trailer and canoes and were active camping enthusiasts.

A talented artist and passionate educator, Betty earned her Master's degree in Art from Washington University in St. Louis. She taught art at North Kirkwood Junior High School from 1961 to 1965 before choosing to focus on raising her family. She remained active with the Kirkwood School District through the 70's and 80's as a volunteer. She continued her dedication to education and creativity by serving as a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader, and through her

lifelong devotion to painting, crafting, and drawing. Betty also enjoyed puzzling each and every day, which kept her sharp. She was a nurturing, artistic soul who lived her values daily—with grace, integrity, and joy.

In 2014, she moved to Aberdeen Heights Retirement Community, where she was beloved by residents and staff alike. She remained active, independent, and artistically engaged until her passing. A woman of deep faith, Betty was committed to her church, she loved God, and most of all, she was the very best mother. She will be remembered for her warmth, her wisdom, and her unwavering love.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made at the funeral services to fund a tree planting at Kirkwood Park in Betty's honor.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Kirkwood

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Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation and Funeral Ceremony will be held in the mausoleum chapel.

Funeral Ceremony

SEP 5. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

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