



Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Palmaffy

February 18, 1933 - April 23, 2023

Born February 18, 1933, Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Palmaffy, née Buechter, was the third of 4 sisters raised on a corn farm in the small town of Cedar Rapids, Nebraska.

In her early 20's, she moved to California to help her older sister Katie with her young family. Katie's husband was stationed at the San Diego Naval Base where Betty would meet her future husband, nuclear submarine sailor Mike Palmaffy. They were married in 1958 in La Jolla, California.

Her family remembers her homemade delights such as dill and bread and butter pickles made in crocks, peanut brittle, and fresh donuts. And for her amazing Banana bread, a recipe she acquired and perfected while her husband was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Oahu.

Betty was a talented seamstress and she made many clothes for herself and family in the early years. Betty enjoyed crafting, gardening, watching college football and the college baseball World Series - go Cornhuskers! She was also a voracious reader and a crossword puzzle devotee.

Once her children were all in school, Betty became a secretary for the Vallejo Unified School district and for St. Vincent's High School in Vallejo.

She passed away peacefully on April 23, 2023 surrounded by family. Betty is preceded in death by her parents, John and Elizabeth Buechter, sister Mary Ellen Hutchison, by brothers-in-law Jim Hutchison, Michael Orr, and Ed Mahoney, her husband of 60 years, Michael Joseph Palmaffy, by her youngest son, John Scott Palmaffy and by her son-in law, Paul Huvane.

She is survived by 2 sisters, Katie Mahoney and Elaine Orr, by 4 of her 5 children, Chelle Palmaffy, Michael Palmaffy (Amy), Patricia Huvane, and Susan Billington (Tracy), 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Services will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or to the charity of your choice.

Cremation and arrangements entrusted to the direction and care of Twin Chapels Mortuary, Vallejo (707) 552-6696. www.TwinChapelsMortuary.com