



Beulah Margarett Eckes

August 6, 1928 - May 14, 2022

Beulah Margarett Eckes (nee McNamar) passed away peacefully surrounded by family on May 14, 2022, in Visalia, CA where she had been living since 2016 after the death of her husband, Robert, in 2008. She was 93. Beulah was born in the home of her paternal grandparents on August 6, 1928, in Melfort, Saskatchewan, Canada. Her family ultimately settled in Bemidji, MN where she attended Lincoln school in Nymore, and graduated from Bemidji High School's Class of 1946. She married Robert "Bob" Eckes in 1949, and the couple moved to Bob's hometown of Minneapolis. In Minneapolis, the family grew to five children and in 1959 they moved to Anaheim, CA later having one more child.

While living in Anaheim, she was active in her church parish community at St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church and the Boosters clubs for the Trident Jr. High and Loara High School bands. Bob and Beulah also purchased a fledgling paint store in Cypress, CA which became Eckes Paint, where she managed the sales of wallpaper and flooring.

In 1989, Bob and Beulah moved to Brea, CA where she became involved with Brea's Newcomers organization and served as President from 2004 through 2005. She and Bob were active members of St. Angela Merici Catholic Church. Beulah became a member of the chime choir, Partners in Chime, and performed with them.

The private vocal instruction she received during high school prepared her for a long vocal career. Beulah performed with the Orange County Master

Chorale in the 1970's, the St Angela Merici Choir in Brea, and most recently the Sequoia Chamber Chorale for three years, as well as participating in the St. Mary's Catholic Church choir in Visalia, CA.

Beulah always had a smile, and she managed to divide her time and love among her 6 children, 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. She was not shy about using modern technology to stay in touch.

As a homemaker she excelled in sewing and was renowned for her cooking and baking. In between her family, social, and church activities, she closely followed the Angels MLB team.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bob; sister, Bethel "Beth" Haugen; and brothers Fearl, Durnan, Elton, and Wilford "Mac" McNamar. She is survived by her children: Gregory (Jeanne) Eckes; Thomas (Lynn) Eckes; Teresa (Edward) Burnett; David (Susan) Eckes; Carol (David) Pihoda; and Elizabeth (Dean) Avram.

A Rosary and Celebration of Life will take place at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 5, 2022, at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel on Caldwell in Visalia, and via live stream. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 6, 2022, at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 608 N. Church St. in Visalia, CA. Please attend in colorful attire. Beulah will be interred with Bob at the Riverside National Cemetery. Thanks to Kaweah Hospice and Magnolia Park Assisted Living for their loving care.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Rosary

AUG 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
1908 N. Court St.
Visalia, CA

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Beulah Margarete Eckes*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - August 05, 2022 at 05:40 PM

JE

“ *My memory of Beulah will always be her big, infectious laugh. A gift she gave to all her children. I will remember Beulah's home as one that was warm and inviting. Always! I will miss my Aunt Beulah - and my Uncle Bob - and will keep those great memories with me always.*

- Your nephew, Jim

Jim Eckes - August 07, 2022 at 04:04 PM

BW

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to the entire Eckes family for your loss. I'll always remember Aunt Beulah for her kind, loving, generous and good natured spirit. She provided so many examples through the years!

Most recently, I was touched by Aunt Beulah's compassion in reaching out and calling me several times after my husband Jess passed and my mother, her sister, passed within days of each other. And now she joins them long with Uncle Bob, her siblings and other family members. May she rest in peace.

Much love to all, Beth Ann

Beth A Williams - August 06, 2022 at 12:28 PM

LL

“ Beulah was a highly valued and beloved member of my Partners in Chime choir. She wanted to be able to play an instrument, like so many of her children and grandchildren and was happy that chimes became her instrument. She was ever gracious, lovely, and kind. All of our chimers loved her dearly. Beulah shared her seamstress skills with us by sewing fabric music-themed covers for our notebooks and also made covers for our foam table pads. At Christmas, Beulah sang O Holy Night with her lovely voice, with the chimers playing along. Beulah was so proud of her family - children and grandchildren - for their musical talents. We were sad when she moved away, but so grateful for all she gave to our chime choir.

Lee Lassetter

Director of Partners in Chime

Lee Lassetter - August 06, 2022 at 01:29 AM

TE

“ *The Echo Eckes' purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Beulah Margarett Eckes.*



The Echo Eckes' - July 28, 2022 at 09:21 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Beulah Margarett Eckes.*



July 27, 2022 at 03:03 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beulah Margarett Eckes.*



July 25, 2022 at 07:36 PM

KH

“ Beulah was a wonderful lady, full of life, happiness, & love. I first met her in 1980 when my sister Susie married her son Dave, and brought the Eckes & Hanigan families together. We didn't see her very often until the past 10 or 15 years and so enjoyed our time with her in McCall, Payette, and at Kevin & Beth's wedding in Austin. She was full of life for sure! She showed off her new jeans to all of us one fall weekend in McCall - apparently because she'd never owned a pair until then. She was a GEM. She'll be loved forever & missed by so many. Rest in Peace, Beulah! Love, Kevin Hanigan, Boise, ID

Kevin Hanigan - July 20, 2022 at 12:03 PM

GE

“ My Aunt Beulah was a kind and loving person. I remember as a little boy being at her house while she sat for me, and eating some great egg salad sandwiches for lunch. The memory brings a smile to my face. We miss you my dear aunt. Love, Gary

Gary Eckes - July 02, 2022 at 04:15 PM

JL

“ Beulah was my role model--as a chime player and as a human being. She was talented and kind. She was always willing to share her musical expertise, her sewing skills, and her kindness. She was so proud of her family. She will be missed.

Joyce Lowder - July 02, 2022 at 01:43 PM