



A lasting memorial has been given to Spirit of Hope Church in memory of Anne B. Polachek

November 25, 1933 - November 23, 2016



Anne was born in Minneapolis to Raymond and Alice (Cramer) Bowers. She had one brother, Bill, and a sister, Betty. She graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1951. Her family lived in the Washburn High School area, but Anne chose to attend Roosevelt High School where she could take classes in organ and music. Following high school, she attended Hamline University and the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1955 with honors. Anne was an elementary school teacher at Warrington Elementary in Minneapolis. Herbert and Anne were married in 1955 and moved to Green Bay in 1957. She was a Christian education director at the First Methodist Church in Green Bay and was responsible for setting up a contemporary worship service called "Church Downstairs," which was well received. She was also a self-employed seamstress, specializing in window treatments.

Anne was a member of Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church since the 1970s when she and Herb returned to Minnesota. Prior to this, she was a life-long member of Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church. Anne was a very active member of Spirit of Hope. She taught Sunday School, served on the pastoral relations committee, and was a member of the new organ selection committee. She made several large banners that are still in use in the church.

Her public service positions included Military Draft Appeals Board, Election judge, American Cancer Society volunteer and multiple church committees.

Anne and her family lived in Golden Valley for over 42 years. She and Herb wintered in Green Valley, Arizona, for 19 years. Anne and Herb travelled extensively, visiting 48 states and 67 countries on six continents.

Anne loved entertaining her grandchildren, playing games, visiting attractions, reading, and using her computer. She also loved rooting for the Green Bay Packers.

Anne is survived by her husband, Herbert, sons Bruce (Diane) Polachek and Daniel J. (Echo) Polachek; grandchildren, Zachariah, Stephanie (Pelzer), Matthew, Emily, Erica (Byars), Daniel H. Polachek; and four great-granddaughters.



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