



Elizabeth C. Bardin

April 21, 1923 - April 17, 2024

Bardin, Elizabeth C. – with a combination of great joy and profound sorrow we announce that Mom/Grammy/Aunt/Educator/Friend Liz joined the Church Triumphant on April 17, 2024 under hospice care. She was 4 days shy of her 101st birthday. Born in Detroit to Rolla Louis and Jessie Waterfall Carpenter, she was the second of four children. Sometime after her father passed in 1935, the family moved to Delray Beach, FL. Liz went on to graduate from Agnes Scott College in Decatur, GA in 1945 and met the love of her life, Neal, who roomed with brother Bill at the University of the South. They were married in 1947 and moved to Neal's hometown of Louisville, KY. In 1955, they returned to Delray Beach. They resided in West Palm Beach and then Jupiter/Tequesta for the remainder of their lives together.

Liz was a caring, giving, loving lady who served others. She worked in the Palm Beach County school system for decades, starting as a teacher of special education, then a district administrator and finally as the principal of Jupiter Elementary School (go Braves!). After retiring in 1985, she continued serving others through the Good Shepard Episcopal church and school. She was a good friend to so many there. Liz was also very active in Palm Beach County's Guardian Ad Litem program. She was the example of a life well lived and leaves behind a legacy of love and warmth. Liz was always joyful and a friend to all, which often meant an invitation to a family holiday gathering or a seat in her pew at church.

Her Michigan ties remained throughout her life as she and Neal spent family vacations along the St. Clair River on Russell Island. Her history there goes back to the 1920s, when her grandfather and 2 others developed the island. Her father built a cottage in 1928 that remains a treasured place for her family today. After retirement, they became seasonal residents of the island, spending summers hosting the extended family.

Liz was predeceased by her husband O'Neal, parents, siblings Edward, William, Jessie C. Holton and her daughter-in-law Susan. She is survived by her children Julie (Peter) Bohnsack, O'Neal, Jr., John (Jan) and Peter (Kathy). In addition, there are 12 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren with another 2 arriving soon!

A memorial service will be held at the Church of the Good Shepard in Tequesta, Florida on Friday, April 26, 2024 at 4:00 pm (livestreamed at goodsheponline.org). If desired, memorial gifts may be given to The Russell Island Foundation, P.O. Box 361322, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Good Shepard Episcopal Church, 400 Seabrook Rd, Tequesta, FL 33469.

Special thanks to the Harbor Chase residents for their friendship and to the staff for their attentive care and enrichment of her life while living there. Also, we are grateful for the Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center hospice staff for their professional support to Liz and her family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **26**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
400 Seabrook Road
Tequesta, FL 33469

Tribute Wall

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“ *My cousin Liz loved swimming in the cold St. Clair River. Even into her mid-seventies she dove in like an Olympic competitor, streamlined, toes pointed, barely making a splash.*

She always set the dinner table with cloth napkins, inspiring me to do the same. She welcomed visitors & drop-ins, with true warmth & enthusiasm.

She always had freshly-picked daisies, Queen Anne's Lace or Black-eyed Susans in a vase in their cottage.

She listened & appreciated others news more than she spoke of her own.

She was a strong, gracious, loving, adventurous lady.

—*Anne Steel*

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