



## Roxana P. Behrens

September 9, 1943 - September 13, 2024

Roxana P. Behrens was born on September 9, 1943, in Valparaiso, IN, daughter of Reverend Howard T. and Loretta B. (Johnson) Behrens. She was baptized by her Pastor/father in Westville, IN, at Trinity Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Roxy passed away on Friday, September 13, 2024 at the age of 81. She was residing at White Oaks Memory Care in McHenry, IL.

Roxy attended grade school for a short time in Portage, IN, and graduated eighth grade on in Altoona, WI, where she was confirmed on April 14, 1957, by her Pastor/father at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Altoona, WI. She attended high school in Altoona for one year, and then two and one half years in Barron, WI while living in Almena, WI. She completed her last semester at East Leyden High School in Franklin Park, IL, graduating in 1961.

Roxy has lived in various locations in Indiana, Wisconsin and Illinois. Many of her moves while she was in school and later were due to her father's calling as a minister.

Roxy began her working career in September 1961 at First National Bank of Chicago. She began as a Trust Department page and later as a secretary in the Trust Department. Later she became an executive secretary in Chicago and then in Elgin at the First Card location. During her working career in Elgin, Roxy lived in Elgin, then Crystal Lake and again in Elgin, IL. In retirement, she lived in Portage, IN. For health reasons, to be closer to her family, Roxy moved to Patriot Estates in McHenry, IL in the summer of 2021. After a stroke in November 2022, she moved to White Oaks at McHenry.

Roxy was preceded in death by her father, Rev. Howard Behrens, on Aug. 10, 2000, and by her mother, Loretta Behrens, on Sept. 20, 2016. She is survived by her brother, Byron Behrens and sister-in-law, Ella (Albert) Behrens. They are the parents of five sons:

Paul Henry of Long Lake, WI

David Jonathan of Woodstock, IL

Mark Albert and his wife Marianna of Munich, Germany

Michael Dennis and his wife Michelle and their four children, Lydia, Anna, Rebecca and Malachi of Oswego, IL

John Christian and his wife Sarah and their three children, Jonah, Ella and Silas of Appleton, WI

Growing up in a Pastor's family, Roxy has remained a devout Christian throughout her life. She has been an active member of churches in Missouri Synod, Wisconsin Synod and ELS to which she belonged as a member. She served as a secretary to her father in the later years of his ministry and church secretary to Pastor Lams at Grace Lutheran Church in Hobart, IN, where Roxy was a member for twenty years before moving to McHenry, IL, where she became a member at Lord and Savior Lutheran Church in Crystal Lake, IL.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6240 Grand Blvd., Hobart, IN 46342, followed by the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor David Locklair and Pastor Frederic Lams officiating. Interment will follow in McCool Cemetery, 2700 McCool Rd., Portage, IN 46368.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home, 6941 Central Avenue, Portage.

Special thanks are extended to everyone at White Oaks Memory Care facility and Heartland Hospice Care for all of the love and attention provided to Roxy and support to her family.

Memorial in Roxy's name may be given to Grace Lutheran Church, 6240 Grand Blvd., Hobart, IN 46342, or Lord and Savior Lutheran Church, 9300 Ridgefield Rd., Crystal Lake, IL 60012.