



Betty S. Knox

June 7, 1923 - January 21, 2026

Betty S. Knox (née Schultz), 102, of Fort Myers, Florida, passed away on January 21, 2026.

Born June 7, 1923, in Chicago, Illinois, Betty attended Denison University and earned her bachelor's degree from Northwestern University, where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. A lifelong learner with a warm and gracious presence, she carried her elegance and welcoming spirit into every aspect of her life.

Betty described her profession as “domestic engineer,” a role she embraced with pride and devotion. Above all else, she cherished her family and took great pride in her roles as a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She met her future husband, John G. Knox, in kindergarten in Chicago. They later married after John returned from World War II and built a life together in the Chicago area before relocating to Florida.

Active and engaged throughout her life, Betty enjoyed swimming at the Woman's Athletic Club of Chicago, golfing at the Hinsdale Country Club in Hinsdale, Illinois, and later at The Forest Country Club in Fort Myers, Florida. She was a longtime season ticket holder at Florida Repertory Theatre, loved playing bridge with friends, and was an enthusiastic reader.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Deborah K. Mortensen; her grandchildren, Christopher (Tracie) Mortensen and Jessica (Kevin) Trueblood; and her great-grandchildren, Cameron, Madison, and Jason Mortensen, and Molly Trueblood.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John G. Knox; her son, John G. Knox Jr.; and her son-in-law, John Mortensen.

A memorial service will be held at a later date

Tribute Wall

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“ *Betty was such an elegant lady who was loved by her family and friends. Always a smile on her face with a jest for life. We enjoyed visiting with her at the Mortensen home over the years.*

May the family, especially Debbie, find comfort in family and friends at this difficult time.

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