



Elizabeth A. Counsell

December 25, 1934 - March 31, 2025

Elizabeth A. Counsell, age 90, passed away peacefully on March 31, 2025, at The Terraces, Bonita Springs, FL. Liz was born in Columbia, Missouri in 1934 to Lloyd and Bess (Thayer) Short. She attended Grinnell College and the University of Minnesota School of Nursing where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1957. In the same year she married Raymond E. Counsell who was graduating with his PhD in Medicinal Chemistry and Organic Chemistry. The couple moved to Evanston, IL where Liz worked as a nurse for the Visiting Nurse Association while Ray became a Senior Research Chemist at a pharmaceutical company, G.D. Searle.

In 1963, Liz and Ray moved to Ann Arbor, MI where they raised their three children and worked for the University of Michigan. Beginning in 1976, Liz worked as a nurse at the Breast Cancer Detection Center of University of Michigan Hospitals. Liz cherished a lifelong bond with her nursing school friends, remaining in touch through Round Robin letters and periodic reunions. While living in Ann Arbor, Liz and Ray were members of the First Baptist Church where Liz served as Church School Superintendent, Chair of the Board of Christian Education, and member of the Executive Council. While in Bonita Springs, Ray and Liz were associate members of the First Presbyterian Church.

Liz was a wonderful mother, aunt, grandmother, nurse, and role model, and

loved her family dearly. She was a devoted wife to Ray for 58 years before Ray's passing March 21, 2016. Liz was survived by three children: Steve Counsell (Carol), Ron Counsell (Shelly), and Cathy Martin (Mike); six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; niece Stephanie Allin (Maurice) and nephew David Counsell. A private family memorial is planned for later this year in Ann Arbor, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity that provides food and/or shelter to those in need or the American Cancer Society.

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