

Adeline Harriet Bishop

Adeline (Addie) Harriet Bishop, 90, went to be with the Lord peacefully surrounded by her family on Friday April 4th 2014 in Scottsdale Arizona. Born 1923 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota to Adolph and Harda Hagen with sisters Beth & Dodie and brother Ray.

Because she grew up in the heart of the great depression, she grew up with a hearty work ethic. She left Minnesota as a young lady and in the late forties took a job with Eli Lilly in Indianapolis, Indiana. She worked her way up to a management position within the quality and sterilization department.



In her early years, she was active in sports and carried that through into her adult years. She enjoyed softball, basketball, golf and bowling. In 1950, she married Richard (Dick) Bishop. They raised two children together and have 4 grandchildren. While in Indianapolis for 45 years Addie and Dick enjoyed friends and fellowship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, where they were charter members. It was there that she sang in the choir, taught vacation bible school and organized banquets.

Outside of church, she enjoyed her weekly golfing and bowling leagues. While raising her children, she helped to run the family water softening business from home.

In 1993 she moved to Sun City West, Arizona to be close to Beth, her sister and Beth, her daughter. One reason for the move is that she loved being a grandmother. She was a trusted grandmother and sitter for the kids. The grandkids gave her and Papa the nickname of "treat-master". Addie was at the dance recitals for her granddaughter Kaitlyn each year with flowers in hand! She was also able to attend her grandson's tennis matches. She loved to travel in their 32ft Bouncer motor home to visit her grandkids in Texas and other family and friends throughout the country.

She and Dick had an active social life in the community of Sun City West. They were active in their Church, Lord of Life for over 15 years. They were greeters, part of the Guys and Dolls Social Club and hosted many events at their home. Through church, they also volunteered at the food bank. Addie enjoyed going to see many shows that the Del Webb Center brought to town. Again, Addie and Dick joined the bowling team and even became champions of the league in their first year! Addie loved playing the organ and took lessons at the local Fletchers Music Store. She went through several levels of their classes and had the privilege of participating in recitals at the end of each class.

In 2009, Dick became seriously ill and it was decided that it would be best to move even closer to Beth and her family. So they moved to Scottsdale, Arizona to a retirement community called Pueblo Norte. They joined the bowling group; this time it was Wii bowling because of Dick's health. After he went to be with the Lord, her family initially worried about her but she kept up with the social activities, dinners with her friends and found connections with other widowed ladies. She joined a group at her new Church, La Casa de Cristo, for widows that provided another social outlet. She attended Sit and Fit exercise classes a few times a week for fun and physical fitness. She signed up for day and overnight trips to shows and casinos. She loved going to the casinos to play the slot machines for an afternoon. She enjoyed watching baseball and basketball games with friends. She sat on two boards At Pueblo Norte, the activities and the housing board. Because she loved playing cards so much, she did not just join a card group, she started a group and taught them all how to play her favorite card game, Five Crowns. She was quite a leader among her peers.

Addie is survived by her son and family, Richard and Ronnah Bishop (Austin, TX) and their children Stephanie & Mark. And by her daughter and family Beth and Blaine Oelkers (Scottsdale, AZ) and their children Bo and Kaitlyn. Also by her brother Ray and many nieces and nephews.

Inurnment is at the La Casa de Cristo Memorial Gardens with her husband Richard. In her honor donations may be made to the Adeline Bishop Memorial Fund through the Fill The Need Foundation, by mail to 10115 E Bell Rd #107-137 Scottsdale AZ 85260 or online at www.FillTheNeedFoundation.org.