



Betty B. McDowell

November 5, 2023

Betty B. McDowell passed peacefully on November 5, 2023, in Kirkwood, Missouri at the age of 99. Betty lived a long, happy and healthy life. She was born in St. Paul, Minnesota to Elisabeth Jasper Becker and Henry Becker. The family later moved to San Francisco, California. Betty graduated from the University of California Berkeley. She met Cecil John (Jack) McDowell on the Berkeley campus, and they married on June 4, 1946, in Reno, Nevada. Betty worked for the accounting firm Haskins and Sells in San Francisco, becoming one of the first female Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) in the state of California.

Betty and Jack had three children while living in Menlo Park, California. They moved to Creve Coeur, Missouri in 1961 when Jack was promoted to Managing Partner in the St. Louis office of Coopers & Lybrand (later Price Waterhouse Coopers). Betty served as a Republican Committee Woman in St. Louis County and worked as bookkeeper for the city of Des Peres while raising their three children. Betty was devoted to her family and also enjoyed shopping, sewing, gardening, reading, and playing bridge. She and Jack travelled all over the world in their later years, including Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Australia, South America, and the Caribbean.

Betty was predeceased by her husband Jack, her parents, and her sister Anna Becker Burk and brother Henry Becker Jr. She is survived by her

children Michael William McDowell (Bernadette), Margie McDowell Burton (Ron), and Ann McDowell Reichel. She is also survived by six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A private family memorial service will take place at a later date.

Valhalla Funeral Chapel was entrusted to the care of local arrangements.

Betty will be inurned at Bellerive Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Bellerive Garden's Cemetery

740 N. Mason Rd
Creve Coeur, MO 63141