



Gretchen Anne Brophy



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Gretchen Anne Brophy, aged 92, passed away Tuesday, January 22, 2019 in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. The middle child of three children, Gretchen was born December 17, 1926 in Des Moines, Iowa to Lawrence and Lena (Larson) Goetzman. Gretchen had a wonderful childhood in Des Moines surrounded by much love. She was graduated from St. Mary College of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech and a minor in English. One of her first teaching positions was in a one-room schoolhouse in Fairbank, Iowa teaching all subjects K-8. In 1949, she was set-up on a blind date with John J. Brophy. They married in November 1950 and they were together over 60 years until his death in 2011. Gretchen and John were blessed with seven children, living in Nebraska, Texas and finally settling in Broken Arrow, OK. She continued teaching, finally retiring in 1987. She remained active working as a substitute teacher and at J. Brophy and Son Furniture and Blind Ambitions. She loved traveling and she found the most joy spending time with her family and watching Notre Dame football. In later years, she could be found reading, playing cards with her grandchildren, watching Wheel of Fortune and on occasion, playing the slots at the casino. She has left us all with irreplaceably precious memories that we will forever hold dear. Gretchen was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, siblings Frances Nelson and Bill Goetzman, and her grandson, Michael Lawrence Brophy. She is survived by her seven children, Robert Brophy (Sherri), John Brophy (Laura), Peggy McKnight (Alton), David Brophy, Thomas Brophy (Kym), Christopher Brophy, Jennifer Herman (Dean). She leaves behind her eleven grandchildren, Troy Bethea (Maria), Gretchen Bethea, Meagan Rau (Adam) Kelly Fischer (Brandon), Patrick Brophy, Andy Brophy, Amelia Brophy, Olivia Brophy, Luke Herman, Josh Herman, Jake Herman and five great-grandchildren with one more on the way. She is also survived by two close nieces, Missy Yoder (Bill) and Valerie Barnes (Bob).



Tribute Wall

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EP

Erin Porter posted:

So sorry to hear of Gretchen's passing. Prayers of peace and comfort to all.

January 25 at 12:16 PM

LH

Lucilla Herman posted:

Will really miss getting to visit with her. Fond memories of our visits and outings together.

January 25 at 4:01 AM

HK

Howard & Fe Kavon posted:

Brophy Family, We are sorry to hear of Gretchen's passing, she was such a wonderful lady. I have fond memories of the times I had meals at their house. Their place was a home away from home for me while I was in Tulsa. Our prayers and sympathy to Tom & Kym and the whole Brophy Family. Howard & Fe Kavon, Plentywood, Montana.

January 24 at 2:42 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gretchen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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