



Elizabeth Groth

May 8, 1925 - July 29, 2017

ELIZABETH GROTH

Elizabeth Catherine Groth, 92, of Versailles, passed away Saturday, July 29, 2017 in her home. She was born May 8, 1925 in Utica, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Clifton Saltonstall and Alma Grace (Engelbrecht) Newsom.

On July 28, 1944 in Wheaton, Illinois, she was united in marriage to Burton William Groth. Together they shared fifty-three years of marriage before his passing on March 1, 1998.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Mary Saltonstall Newsom and a granddaughter, Megan Grace Storm.

Elizabeth was blessed to have all of her family together two weeks prior to her passing which included her three children, Sarah Elizabeth Storm and husband Roger Lee of Winfield, Kansas, Walter Clifton Groth and Mary Robin Gerber and husband Melvin Lee all of Versailles, Missouri; six grandchildren, Dixon Elizabeth Woodburn, Roger Burton Storm, Astrid Joy Storm Wood, Adam Christian Gerber, William Walter Gerber and Grace Elizabeth Gerber; fourteen great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

She was raised in Pennsylvania and being the daughter of a pastor, lived in

several communities. After college and her marriage to Burton, they moved to Missouri to be near relatives in the Hopewell community. Elizabeth taught piano to numerous students for over sixty years. Many will remember her joking nature and the tricks she liked to pull on people. She enjoyed fun and laughter and organizing games and parties.

She was a faithful member of Bethel Mennonite Church where she played the organ since the 1950's. She also served as the church librarian.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at Bethel Mennonite Church. Burial will follow in Bethel Mennonite Church Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the church.

Memorial donations may be made to Bethel Mennonite Church.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Cemetery

37830 Bethel Church Road
Fortuna, MO 65034

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel Mennonite Church
37830 Bethel Church Rd.
Fortuna, MO 65034

Service

AUG 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

NL

“ Elizabeth will be remembered for her fantastic, quick humor, gentle & gracious spirit, and equal love of music and children. Piano lessons were always a joy, we learned so much in her presence, with a bit of piano thrown in! "f and g disease You know they have something for that at walmart." Thank you Elizabeth for the love you shared with so many!

Nita Loganbill - August 15, 2017 at 08:58 PM

JG

“ Jerry Garber lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Groth



Jerry Garber - August 01, 2017 at 05:04 PM

JG

Was a great teacher and she did like to pull jokes on people including me

Jerry Garber - August 01, 2017 at 05:05 PM

LB

“ Elizabeth Groth was a rare bird in our neighborhood. She was colorful, though she never sang. Her nest was on the outskirts of the community. She flew into our homes to give piano lessons. The music she brought me first was Chopin's Funeral March, as I remember the name. She let me put so much of myself into it that she chose it for the first piece of the recital at City Hall. No one clapped.

Next I remember a Waltz in B flat by Brahms. Elizabeth played it for me while my father was working in the basement. He thought it sounded so wonderful that he came up and complemented me. She never told. When I thought we needed a new piano, she brought me flyers of Steinways, although she never complained about our harsh big upright with family pictures above. "Hark, Hark, the Lark," "Two Guitars", hymns from THE MENNONITE HYMNARY and a complicated version of Liebestraum were my 7th grade repertoire.

For the second recital at her home, she had a wrapped package containing a robin egg blue sweater for the "most improved pupil." I wore it for my high school senior picture.

She became a persistent old bird, always asking if I were still playing piano. She never left the neighborhood and her brood mixed in with the natives, spreading joy and beauty around the world.

Thank you Elizabeth Loretta Hilty Baumgartner, Hesston,KS
August 1, 2917

Loretta Hilty Baumgartner - August 01, 2017 at 09:32 AM

PB

“ *Paul Bloch lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Groth*



Paul Bloch - August 01, 2017 at 08:49 AM

TK

“ *Tammy Korte lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Groth*



Tammy Korte - August 01, 2017 at 08:47 AM

TK

“ *Tom & Yvonne Kerr lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Groth*



Tom & Yvonne Kerr - July 31, 2017 at 10:37 AM

MG

“ *Marleen Gerber-Baker lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Groth*



Marleen Gerber-Baker - July 31, 2017 at 08:43 AM



“ *You and your families are in our thoughts and prayers .* ”



Debbie Mccollom - July 31, 2017 at 03:27 AM