



Eileen Grafton

February 19, 1922 - January 7, 2022

Eileen Grafton, resident of Venice Florida, born Eileen Ruth Weber, passed into the presence of Jesus on January 7, 2022, just weeks short of her 100th birthday. She was born in Bloomington, Illinois on Feb 19, 1922 to Jacob and Esther (Bierbaum) Weber.

She became an accomplished choral teacher and earned a masters in piano performance from Northwestern University.

In 1943, she married Jim Finley, who was in the military. After their honeymoon, he perished when his flight crashed returning to base.

In 1948, she married Louis Edward Rieger. They enjoyed 38 years of marriage and raised their family in the Chicago area. In 1980, they retired to Osprey, Florida. In 1986, Louis lost his battle with cancer.

In 1996, Eileen married Nate Grafton and they moved to Jacaranda Trace.

Surviving Eileen are her 5 children: Brian Rieger and his daughters, Megan (Rieger) Witt and Rebecca Rieger; Mark and Grace Rieger and their children, Brian, Colin, and Lauren; Scott and Brenda Rieger and their children: Tim and Hannah (Gish) Rieger, Daniel Rieger, Elizabeth (Rieger) and Tom Lesert, Joanne (Rieger) and David Shrader, Sarah (Rieger) and Jon-Paul Bernard,

Jonathan Rieger, Katherine Rieger, Marianne Rieger and David Rieger; Janet Rieger and her two sons Jesse and Mallory Bauer; and Justin Bauer and Molly Ferguson; and Paul Rieger.

Services will be private. Eileen's final resting place will be in Bloomington, Illinois, following a graveside service in the spring of 2022.

Donations in her memory to Venice Hospice would be appreciated.