



Alice Mae (Gretter) Bedell

April 20, 1930 — April 9, 2025

On April 9, 2025, Alice Mae (Gretter) Bedell, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, passed away peacefully with her family by her side, after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer at the age of 94 years, 11 months and 9 days.

Alice was born April 20, 1930, in Chicago, Illinois to Joseph “Clem” and Alice (Wolter) Gretter. Two years after her birth, the family moved to New York, where her sister Ann was born. Their final move was to Norwalk, Connecticut, where the youngest of the Gretter’s was born, Gary.

Following in the footsteps of her father in the arts - who was at one time the art director for Ripley’s Believe It or Not - Alice won a partial scholarship while at Norwalk High School, one of only 4 students who did, to the Phoenix Art Institute of New York.

Alice and Robert Bedell, were married April 7, 1951 in Norwalk, Connecticut at the home of her parents, Clem and Alice. They raised three children, a son, Thomas Robert, and 2 daughters, Sharon Ann and Tracy Mae.

Alice was quiet, reserved, yet a strong and kind gentle lady. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was always there if you needed her, but never liked to be in the way.

While her husband, Robert was in the Navy and stationed in Key West, Alice lived with her parents and gave birth to her first child, Thomas, while Robert was away. Then eventually, the three moved to his next duty station in Virginia. They moved back to Norwalk when he was honorably discharged in 1954.

Alice and Robert were inseparable and never liked being apart from each other. They were partners in every thing. Both Robert and Alice were entrepreneurs and owned and operated several businesses over her life time. She was the bookkeeper for all the businesses they owned and worked along side her husband in every aspect.

She loved history and was an avid reader. Beside her high school picture, it stated that “she will read anything she can get her hands on”, and that “she planned on becoming an artist”. Her other many hobbies were painting, wood burning, quilting, sewing and gardening. Like her mother, Alice, she was a great seamstress. Alice was very talented in all she did.

Alice and Robert thoroughly enjoyed traveling the country in their motorhome. They spent many years traveling the country and seeing all the sites. Her favorite place to travel to was always out west.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert, son Thomas, parents Clem and Alice, both her sister Ann Kozar and brother Gary Gretter.

She is survived by her daughters Sharon (Scott) Mugno, of Russellville, AL and Tracy Kelley, Phil Campbell, AL; her grandchildren, Madeline (Will) Boulware, of Chattanooga, TN, Kaitlin (Jake) Wissing, of Shelbyville, KY, Stanley Joel Kirkey Jr. (Cheyenne), of Princeton, TX, Kourtney Kelley, of Phil Campbell, AL, and Brandon Kelley, of Lawrenceburg, TN; and three great grandchildren, Stanley Joel Kirkey III, Renea Kirkey and Riverleigh Kelley.

At a graveside service to be scheduled at a later date, the family will bring both Alice and Robert to Riverside Cemetery, Norwalk, Connecticut, so they will be forever inseparable as they were lovingly so in life.