



Elizabeth Onufrock "Betty"

January 11, 2026

Elizabeth "Betty" Onufrock passed away peacefully on January 11, 2026, at the age of 82.

After getting her masters degree in library science at the University of Kentucky and meeting her future husband Jack, she moved to Shorewood more than 50 years ago. She worked at the Wisconsin Library for the Blind before taking time to raise her children and then going back to school to get a second degree in speech language pathology. She then worked at North Park Elementary School in the Racine Unified School District for 24 years.

An avid gardener, she planted countless bulbs and plants both at home and her school nature center to beautify the outdoors.

She loved to go for drives in rural Wisconsin to see nature and hoped to get lost so she could see more of it.

When she was not reading about the news or political blogs, she was reading a variety of books, many of which were obtained from the Shorewood Library, where she donated more than \$80,000.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years Harry "Jack" Onufrock as well as her parents Reggie and Eleanor, her sister Barb, and

brother-in-law Dick. She is survived by her children Jennifer Onufrock and Jonathan (Barbara) Onufrock; granddaughters Madelyn, Olivia, and Cailyn Onufrock; sister-in-law Christine Reppucci; nieces Anna Chapman and Kristen Knight; and nephews Nicholas and Jonathan Reppucci.

Visitation will take place on Tuesday, January 20, from 10:00 to 1:00 PM at Northshore Funeral Services. Interment will be later in the day at 2:00 at Forest Home Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Betty's memory to Life Navigators in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, to support those with disabilities.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

Northshore Funeral Services
3601 N. Oakland Avenue
Shorewood, WI 53211

Interment

JAN 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

Forest Home Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ Betty was such a supportive and encouraging person at North Park Elementary School. If there was an event outside the usual daily tasks, you can wager that she'd have a part in it. Betty, Linda Boyle and I started a grassroots student support group at lunchtime called, "Citizenship Workshop " to help students work through problems in a meaningful way. It was one of the most rewarding experiences I had during my teaching career. She gave me my first experience shopping in Milwaukee's consignment shops, and every visit to her home, she would twist my arm to try to get me to unburden her attic of bird art. Two owl portraits adorn my living room walls. Treasures from Betty that I will always hold dear. Betty taught me how to "get lost", sharing harrowing and humorous tales of her and Jack getting lost in the Amish back-country of Wisconsin's driftless area. She gifted me my very first "Wisconsin Road Atlas and Gazetteer", so that I too could get lost in the most wonderful way. Betty meant so much to me and many, many many others. My prayers and heartfelt sympathies to her family.

JEFFREY L APPENZELLER - January 19 at 06:34 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about Betty's passing — she was a good friend for many years at North Park — she not only helped kids to be able to speak and be understood, but she ran the Just Say No Club for many years, and she helped with countless hours in the school's Nature Center, as well as our craft sale to make money for the Nature Center. I will always remember my kids at the craft sale helping to sell the chocolate turkeys and hopefully not eating too many of them! Prayers for Jon, Jennifer and Betty's family. Julie Trafton, Retired North Park Art Teacher and friend

Julie Trafton - January 13 at 09:32 PM