



PHILAMANIE "BUTCH" SCHUTZ

September 12, 1923 - May 15, 2019

On the evening of May 15, 2019, Philamanie "Butch" Schutz of Caledonia, MN, passed away at the age of 96. She was a devout Catholic who lived her life as a servant to others. In addition to caring for her natural family, she also welcomed battered women, foster children, exchange students, and many others who needed help into her home. It's no surprise the sign outside her home read, "Butch's Place, Home to the World." She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold; son, Gary; and son in law, Larry Besse. She is survived by three children, Janet (Bob) Frattaroli, Paul (Sonja) Schutz, and Mary (Alan) Esch; a daughter-in-law, Dorothy Schutz; and seven grandchildren, Peter, Trisha, Nathalie, Dylan, Katie, Sarah, and Isaac; and five great-grandchildren. A private Christian service and memorial have been scheduled.

Tribute Wall

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“ I don't go to long without telling people what changed my life and helped make me who I am today. It was Butch/Mom. She took me into her home at the age of 16 and made sure every bit of it felt like home. She never once introduced me as a foster child but as her daughter. I will never forget the unconditional love she gave and the chance for me to be an actual kid.

My fondest memory of her is the day I turned 18, you see technically when a foster child turns 18 a foster parent is no longer obligated to keep you in their home. We were at the kitchen table and she began to tell me that this was the normal process. I couldn't help but think this is it, I am going to be homeless.

But then... she leaned in and told me she always felt like I was her own and that I wasn't going anywhere, that I would always be welcome for every holiday and to come home from college anytime.

It is because of her that I have gotten to where I am today. She taught me unknowingly how to give understanding and love to everyone I come into connection with, no one person is any better than the other, how to cook homemade meals from the heart, nobody is going to give you what you want, you have to work every minute for it and create your own destiny, open your home to those in need and oh and how to catch a bat when it's fluttering in the living room. Haha

For you and your family I will forever be grateful.

Love Always,

Amy Bollman

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