

**Elsbeth Freitag**  
**July 17, 1936 - July 29, 2021**

Elsbeth Freitag, age 85 passed away on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at the Monroe Clinic Hospital.

She was born on July 17, 1936 the daughter of Rufus and Mary Bess (Herrick) Freitag in Champaign/Urbana, IL.

During WWII Elsbeth and her family moved to Bayonne, NJ while her father served in the U. S. Navy. Following the war her father began working for Northwestern Mutual Life in the Southwest U. S., as a result the family moved to San Marino, CA where she grew up. Elsbeth attended college at the University of Colorado and graduated from Cal State Los Angeles. Elsbeth was an elementary school teacher for many years teaching in South Pasadena, CA. Around 2004, following her retirement, she moved back to Wisconsin to be nearer her roots at the Freitag Farm, and further her connection to family history. Elsbeth was a compassionate and caring soul. She sought opportunities to help the less fortunate and the environment around her. She was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ in Monticello.



Elsbeth is survived by her children Antonia (Victor) Mortimer, Dietrich Blade-Freitag, James Lane, and Michael Lane, four grandchildren, sister Barbara McPhee, a niece, and a nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at the Zwingli United Church of Christ, 416 E. Lake Ave., Monticello, WI with Rev. Lance Smith officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date in Highland Cemetery, Monticello, WI.

The Zentner-Beal Funeral Home of New Glarus is assisting the family.