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## Perego, Betty Jane

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MADISON - A longtime Madison resident, Betty Jane Perego, age 90, died peacefully on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011, at Agrace HospiceCare surrounded by friends.

She was born Dec. 23, 1920, the daughter of Crawford and Ruth (Elky) Perego in Milwaukee. Betty attended Milwaukee public schools, and received a teaching degree from Milwaukee State Teachers College. She received her graduate degree in counseling from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Betty enjoyed her work as a counselor at West High School until her retirement.

She loved to travel, and had vacationed and explored 49 states. Some of her most cherished memories include spending her summers with her friends at a log cabin on the Peshtigo River, where she enjoyed nature, biking, hiking and canoeing. She was an accomplished wood worker and built beautiful furniture. Betty was a very generous person throughout her life, and gave unselfishly to many non-profit organizations.

She is survived by her friend, Emily Smith, with whom she shared a special friendship that began 70 years ago on Pearl Harbor Day.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011, with Mary Paul Long officiating at FOREST HILL CEMETERY, 1 Speedway Road, Madison, WI 53705. Memorials may be given to the West High School Betty Perego Memorial Fund.

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