



Agnes Winkels

July 30, 1920 - March 15, 2019

The Mass of Christian Burial for Agnes Winkels, age 98, of Verndale, MN, will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 22, at St. Frederick's Catholic Church, in Verndale, with Fr. Lauren Germann as celebrant. Visitation will be at the Schuller Funeral Homes' Verndale Chapel on Thursday from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. with the Christian Mothers rosary service at 5:00PM and Parish Prayers at 6:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the mass.

Agnes passed away on March 15, 2019, at the Lakewood Care Center in Staples, MN.

Agnes was born on July 30, 1920, to Edith and Tony Hoffman on her grandparents' farm outside of Bluffton, MN. Her early years were spent growing up in Bluegrass, with her parents and five brothers. The family operated a dairy farm. Her father died when she was eight and the family moved to Bluffton and later Wadena. Agnes walked to country schools in Bluegrass and Bluffton. She attended St. Ann's Catholic School in Wadena through eighth grade and graduated from Wadena High School in 1939. In 1941, she married Tony Winkels at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena. They first lived in Long Prairie, then Wadena. In 1945 she and Tony moved to Verndale. She lived in Verndale in the same house for 72 years where they raised their three children and became active members of the community.

Agnes and Tony were charter members of the Verndale Historical Society. They were members of the Verndale Senior Citizens Club. In 1973 they became charter members and helped develop the Senior Citizen Center in Verndale.

Agnes was involved in many community affairs and organizations. She was a Christian Mother and choir member for over 25 years. She was a charter member of Verndale P.T.A. holding secretary, treasurer and vice president positions for 16 years. She served on boards for Wadena County: Social Services for 8 years, Wadena County Public Health Advisory Board (17 years), Northern Pines Mental Health Center for Region 5 (12 years), Council on Aging, Advisory member for Verndale's Nutrition Project Council (6 years)

Board member for Wadena County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (12 years), and served as a board member for Retired Senior Citizens Program.

Agnes worked outside the home for a number of years. She was employed for several years by Everett and Saraphine Davis at their grocery store in Verndale. She served as bookkeeper for Buz Nelson and Cliff Horn for 13 years during the time they had the feed business in Verndale. She worked as Center Manager for years at the Senior Citizens Center in Verndale, working there and volunteering until her retirement. Her work at the Center and in the community brought many opportunities her way. It inspired her to do something for others. It was her mission in life. She wrote a news letter in the Verndale Sun that captured life in Verndale and rural Minnesota.

Agnes was an avid bird watcher. She loved sharing her knowledge of the birds (and of course the squirrels) who came to her feeder. She was an enthusiast of the Minnesota Twins – always had the game on TV.

Agnes was devoted to her family. She loved spending time with them and always had the coffee pot on. Grandchildren and great grandchildren always knew there would be treats and candy in her kitchen drawer when they arrived. She will be dearly missed by her family, her dear neighbors and all who knew her.

Agnes was preceded in death by her husband, Tony in 1992; parents; brothers, Albert, Leonard, Raymond, Willie, and Richard. Agnes will be lovingly remembered by her children, Bill (Nancy), of Minot, ND, Jim (Sandy) of Wadena, Mary Jo (Bob) Miller of Maple Grove; 10 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, 6 great-great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Brian, Scott and Craig Winkels, Jim Winkels, Matt Kramer, and Kyle Beuning.

Burial will be in St. Frederick's Cemetery, Verndale, MN.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be sent to the Verndale Historical Society, 204 N. Farwell St. Verndale, MN. 56481.

Cemetery Details

St. Frederick's Catholic Cemetery

16196 County Road 104
Verndale, MN 56481

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Chapel
9 North Farwell Street
Verndale, MN 56481
(218) 445-5191

Visitation

MAR 22. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Frederick's Catholic Church
20 Mason Ave. NW (aka: US Hwy 10)
Verndale, MN

Service

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Frederick's Catholic Church
20 Mason Ave. NW (aka: US Hwy 10)
Verndale, MN

Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Agnes Winkels



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 19, 2019 at 06:33 PM

MH

“ Our condolence to Agnes's Children and families. Bill's wife, Nancy was in Marge's class in high school. Our Bluffton Lions club have the pressure of Mike Kramer in our Lions Club.
Marge was was out of town at the time of the funeral.
Prayers will be said for all of you and you start a new chapter in your lives.
Marge Schwartz Mohs-Harrison and Harry Harrison

Marjorie Harrison - March 24, 2019 at 08:31 PM

RL

“ Ruby L Lynk lit a candle in memory of Agnes Winkels



Ruby L Lynk - March 24, 2019 at 07:18 PM

SS

“ One of the nicest people that i have ever met. She did Verndale proud and represented us well.



sally siegler - March 24, 2019 at 10:56 AM

LR

“ Lisa Randall sent a virtual gift in memory of Agnes Winkels



Lisa Randall - March 19, 2019 at 06:35 PM



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 19, 2019 at 05:25 PM

MH

“ Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Agnes Winkels



Marladene Heinen - March 18, 2019 at 07:24 AM

JP

“ Sincerest sympathies at your loss. She was a wonderful lady. She will be missed but she is at peace with our Lord and Savior. May God grant you peace. We will be together again as HE has promised and it helps to get through the "tough" times. Believe and you shall be saved. Again, our Sympathies. Jay and Jackie and families.



Jay Perius - March 17, 2019 at 03:29 PM

RA

“ Roger & JoAnn Anderson lit a candle in memory of Agnes Winkels



Roger & JoAnn Anderson - March 16, 2019 at 10:00 PM

RA

“ Roger & JoAnn Anderson lit a candle in memory of Agnes Winkels



Roger & JoAnn Anderson - March 16, 2019 at 08:14 PM

BB

“ Barb & Bruce Brown lit a candle in memory of Agnes Winkels



Barb & Bruce Brown - March 16, 2019 at 02:11 PM

MH

“ Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Agnes Winkels



Marladene Heinen - March 16, 2019 at 01:28 PM

ME

“ Margaret & Peter Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Agnes Winkels



Margaret & Peter Van Erp - March 16, 2019 at 10:03 AM

ME

“ I knew Agnes Mother Edith better than Agnes. May she rest in peace
Margaret Van Erp

Margaret & Peter Van Erp - March 16, 2019 at 10:02 AM

PD

“ My thoughts and prayers to Agnes' family. She was the most loving, giving, honest and funny lady that I had the honor of calling my friend. She was my rock to lean on when I lost both my parents. She was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone that needed it. She will be truly missed. ❤️

Patty Desrocher - March 15, 2019 at 08:19 PM

LH

“ Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Agnes Winkels



Leo Haisman - March 15, 2019 at 06:35 PM