



Bertha Marie Sundby

Bertha Anna Marie Sundby was born in Hewitt, MN on November 24, 1920 to Henry and Ida (Wachlin) Oldenburg. She passed away Thursday, April 19, 2007, at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena. Bertha was united in marriage to John E. Sundby on September 18, 1938 at the Lutheran Parsonage in Bertha, MN. They were blessed with seven children and 74 grandchildren/great-grandchildren. Bertha was a very special lady not only to her family, but to her many friends. She & John raised their family in the rural Wadena area until moving into Wadena in 1994. Bertha could go out and catch a live chicken and have the best fried chicken meal within hours. She always enjoyed company and playing cards. She spent the last 10 years in the Fair Oaks Lodge and enjoyed her many friends and especially Tuesday BINGO. She always talked highly of the staff and truly enjoyed life to the fullest. She was a great inspiration to her family and shared her love of God, which was very important to her. Her biggest joy was having her family together and getting to visit with her grandchildren/great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 67 years, John; sisters, Maggie, Marie, and Dorothy; and brother, George. She is survived by her children, Cleon (Pat) of Watertown, MN, John (Betty) of East Gull Lake, Sandra (Jim) Winkels of Perham, Jim (Barb) of Wadena, Ron (Judy) of Verndale, Gary of Duluth, Jerry (Cindy) of Watertown, MN; sister, Ida Johnson of Alexandria; brothers, John (Arlene) Oldenburg and Harry (Georgianna) Oldenburg of New Richmond, WI; and 74 grandchildren/great-grandchildren plus numerous other family

members and a host of friends. Funeral services will be held on Monday, April 23, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena with Pastor William Stockman officiating. Burial will take place in the Wadena Cemetery following the services. Active pallbearers will be her grand daughters; Cindy Wassermann, Renae Draper, Melissa Kicker , Brenda Kramer, Sarah Madsen, Tina Hjelm, Lisa Buening and Annie Sundby. Honorary pallbearers will be all of her grandchildren/great-grandchildren.

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ I know I didn't know you very long because of living far away, but I remember the card games at your home and lots and lots of laughing. I know you are a good person. Love, Brenda

David and Brenda Johnson - October 01, 2012 at 01:50 PM

LW

“ Aunt Bertha gave me many wonderful memories that I will always treasure. She always made us feel at home and would prepare an outstanding meal (fresh from the garden) for us. We loved going to the farm and being with everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with the families. Love, Linda and family

Linda Favre White - October 01, 2012 at 01:50 PM

SN

“ I am so sad to hear of Bertha's passing. I saw the "Old Place" in the background of the video tribute; the barn next to the pasture where Jimmy showed Gary and I how to rub fireflies on our shirts to make them light up and John started up his gopher gassing machine... And Bertha's cooking! God Bless you all.

Scott & Cathy Napier - October 01, 2012 at 01:50 PM

DF

“ Aunt Bertha will always be with us. We will cherish the great memories of all the good times we had with her and the wonderful family she brought us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Dale, Marie and Family

Dale and Marie Favre - October 01, 2012 at 01:50 PM

SF

“ *What a beautiful difference one single life made.
Aunt Bertha was a mix of pure love and endless energy blended
with a great sense of humor.
She will never leave our hearts.*

Steve, Virginia, & family - October 01, 2012 at 01:50 PM

RJ

“ *OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH WITH ALL AT THIS
TIME. WE ARE THERE AS WE REMEMBER THE PAST TIMES
AND MEMORIES, AND LOOK FORWARD TO OUR MEETING IN
HEAVEN AGAIN. ALWAYS WITH YOU IN SPIRIT AND IN CHRIST.
YOUR COUSIN BOB AND MARY JOHNSON*

robert johnson - October 01, 2012 at 01:50 PM

EJ

“ *Many are the memories of growing up by Sebeka and either being
at the Sundby farm or them visiting us pretty much every week while
I was growing up. Aunt Bertha will be greatly missed by all the
Johnson family. Our sympathy goes out to all of the Sundby family.
May God bless all of you.*

Edwin Johnson - October 01, 2012 at 01:50 PM

HJ

“ *John and Bertha were always the highlights of our lives from back
on the farm when they would blow the horn all the way up the
driveway. To going to Wadena to pitch horseshoe at their farm.
Lots of memories.
A part of of us all died today.
Farewell and good bye.
May all your family find strength at this time of great loss.
Henry*

Henry Johnson - October 01, 2012 at 01:50 PM

KD

“ Thinking of you all during this difficult time! My thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless!

Karen Leech (Louises' daughter) - October 01, 2012 at 01:50 PM

JH

“ Aunt Bertha,
What a wonderful Lady, and a great influence for good. Her gentleness and kindness toward all shall be missed. Well done thou good and faithful servant. Matthew 5:21.

Joyce & John Hopkins - October 01, 2012 at 01:50 PM

LR

“ Jerry spent many wonderful times at the Sundby home. Cleon and Jerry were friends from way back. He remembers all the great meals Bertha always had ready for anyone that happened to stop in. When Jerry & Leone were dating Cleon was dating Leone's best friend. They double dated and spent lots of fun times with the Sundby family. When Gary was injured Leone helped with the produce from the garden. Sandy, Bertha, Lois and Leone picked and got ready Peas and Beans. We all laughed and shared memories. Bertha was a wonderful Lady that was always happy and full of fun. We feel honored to have known and Loved her. She will be missed. God has called her home.

Leone & Jerry Rowan - October 01, 2012 at 01:50 PM

BF

“ As I am watching the video today, (4/22/07) I am sending my deepest and heartfelt sympathy to all of you. Dearest Bertha, I want you to know I am there in spirit. May God bless each one of you and give you comfort.
Yours in Christ.
Bert

Bertha Favre - October 01, 2012 at 01:50 PM

KV

“ I would like to extend my sympathy to your family. Your mother was included in my prayers in the difficult time our families went through. We can be consoled knowing that they are now at peace in heaven.

Ken and Sharon Vanderlinde - October 01, 2012 at 01:50 PM

JN

“ A wonderful family of children and spouses starts with a caring and nurturing mother.

You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Jim & Sharon Neuerburg - October 01, 2012 at 01:50 PM