



Betty Hedstrom

January 27, 1933 - December 24, 2014

The memorial service for Betty Hedstrom, age 81, of Wadena, will be held at 3:00p.m. on Wednesday, December 31, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Nate Loer presiding. Friends may call at the church on Wednesday one hour prior to the service. Arrangements are with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes in Wadena. Betty died peacefully at her home in Wadena on December 24th, 2014. She was 81 years of age and a long time resident of Wadena and Ottertail Lake.

Betty was born on January 27, 1933, in Madelia, MN. She graduated from Truman High School in 1950 and attended St. Olaf College for a year before transferring to the University of Minnesota where she received her Bachelors of Arts degree in English. After graduating, she began her teaching career at Wadena, where she met and married her husband, Robert Hedstrom. She stayed at home and raised their three girls. She loved to plan craft projects throughout the year and used the family ping pong table as craft headquarters. She loved to cook and try new recipes and treats on her family and friends. She loved Ottertail Lake and being at the cottage, where she would spend most of her time pulling children on water skis and in later years fishing with her grandsons and telling them "Ricky Raccoon" stories of which she made up every night.

She returned to teaching and was a long time English teacher at the Eagle

Valley High School. She was very active as a Speech & Knowledge Bowl Coach. Upon retiring, Betty loved to travel and was a chaperone for the Eagle Valley trips to Europe. She loved going to New York with her daughter Stephanie and friends to see Broadway shows, as well as make monthly trips to Minneapolis.

She was a founding member of Madhatter's Community Theatre. She was a vital part of starting and sustaining Camp Madhatter or the Mad Caps for many years.

She was very passionate about bringing theatre, arts, and music to the Wadena Community. She was active with the Wadena Concert Association. Betty loved people and was a member of the 20th Century Club, Women's Bridge Club and Couple's Bridge Club, one of the longest running Bridge Clubs in Wadena. Betty was a voracious reader and loved crossword puzzles. She embraced all of her physical illnesses with grace and dignity and never lost her sense of humor.

She is preceded in death by her mother and her father, Alta Larson and Edwin Wojahn.

She is survived by her stepfather Lester Larson, her loving husband Bob, her three daughters, Robin, Stephanie and Michele (Kim), and two grandsons, Alex and Nolan. She touched and reached so many people with her teaching and her love of life. She will be missed by many friends.

The family suggests memorials go to Camp Madhatter, PO Box 127, Wadena, MN. 56482 (info@madhattersinc.org)

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **31**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Wadena
403 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Service

DEC **31**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LW

“ Our sympathy to you, Bob, and your family! Betty was one of the BEST!

Lynda and Dave Wosmek (Wadena residents and WFD member with Bob, 1978-2003)

Lynda Wosmek - January 14, 2015 at 10:46 AM

JB

“ I remember all the piano and organ recitals, practices, etc. and how Mrs. Hedstrom was always so encouraging to us and always made us feel so good about our playing!

Julie Brink Bertelsen - January 05, 2015 at 09:48 PM

DP

“ I had Mrs. Hedstrom as my English teacher in 7th grade. I always looked forward to her class, especially when we did Greek mythology. You will be forever loved and missed Mrs. Hedstrom.
Danielle Parks (Peltier) Eagle Valley Class of 2002

Danielle Peltier - December 30, 2014 at 10:32 PM

VL

“ Vandie And Hannah Loper lit a candle in memory of Betty Hedstrom



Vandie and Hannah Loper - December 30, 2014 at 08:37 PM

JH

“ Betty had the room across the hall from me at Eagle Valley. She was a wonderful teacher. I always tried to follow her example to be as good a teacher as her and to have the rapport like her with the students.

I remember when we first paired with Eagle Bend the history department teachers always thought they were in charge of the school. However, we all knew that it was really the English department that made the school run.

With sympathy, Jan Hierl

Jan Hierl - December 30, 2014 at 07:39 PM

JC

“ Rest in peace,



joan g cooney - December 30, 2014 at 07:02 PM

RJ

“ 2 files added to the album Madhatter Pictures



Robin Jensen - December 30, 2014 at 06:34 PM

RJ

“ 4 files added to the album *Madhatter Pictures*



Robin Jensen - December 30, 2014 at 04:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Betty Hedstrom.



December 30, 2014 at 01:18 PM

JE

“ *As a child, I was enthralled by her voice coming from the church balcony during Good Friday services...strong and rich ...I also remember the wonderful energy she had when leading Bible School singing. As a little girl, I knew she was not your average grownup but someone quite special! RIP dear lady.*

Jane Erckenbrack - December 30, 2014 at 12:31 PM

RJ

“ 1 file added to the album *Madhatter Pictures*



Robin Jensen - December 30, 2014 at 10:05 AM

RJ

Mom and I

Robin Jensen - December 30, 2014 at 06:35 PM

DA

“ *Sending condolences from our families, Jerry and Di (Schiller) Anderson*



Diane Anderson - December 29, 2014 at 07:41 PM

CH

“ *Chuck Heins lit a candle in memory of Betty Hedstrom*



Chuck Heins - December 29, 2014 at 07:18 PM

AN

“ I had Mrs Hedstrom as a teacher and am glad I had that privilege. My thoughts are with her family and friends. Angela (Supper) Fry



Angela - December 29, 2014 at 01:45 AM

JB

“ Jim And Lorie Baron lit a candle in memory of Betty Hedstrom



Jim and Lorie Baron - December 28, 2014 at 08:01 AM

Jl

“ Jill sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Hedstrom



jill - December 27, 2014 at 05:26 PM

LB

“ I also had the privilege of being one of Mrs. Hedstrom's students. She taught many life lessons in her classes. I was blessed to also be a colleague of Mrs. Hedstrom at Eagle Valley. She was a generous, giving person who showed me how to care about students and give them more than just English knowledge...the knowledge of how to be successful in life. Mrs. Hedstrom will be missed. Prayers and thoughts go to her family. Lesa (Ziegenhagen) Boser

Lesa Boser - December 27, 2014 at 03:10 PM

RW

“ I was fortunate enough to have Mrs. Hedstrom as my 7th grade English teacher. She was an amazing teacher, one of my favorites! Her class was enjoyable, her students respected her, and she respected us. I will miss her dearly; and I'm glad to have so many fond memories! God bless her & her family. She will be missed!

Robin Weishair - December 27, 2014 at 12:26 PM

MN

“ Betty was such an inspiration to me from child-raising advice, Madcaps directing suggestions, English teaching monumental assistance (I subbed for her a several times at Eagle Bend), and most importantly modeling how to be an outstanding, caring, thoughtful, very clever, productive, kind, reliable and good friend. The world needs more people like Betty. The world will miss her, and so will !! Marilyn



Marilyn Nervig - December 27, 2014 at 10:19 AM

JS

“ *Jim Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Betty Hedstrom*



Jim Stoneman - December 27, 2014 at 04:59 AM

RR

“ *Rachele Reese lit a candle in memory of Betty Hedstrom*



Rachele Reese - December 26, 2014 at 10:02 PM

AL

“ *Those of us who participated with Betty in so many Madhatter productions will forever appreciate her spirit, dedication, and contributions to those community gifts. Hats off to Betty. May she always break a leg.*

Allan Lynk - December 26, 2014 at 05:42 PM