



Betty Stark

March 28, 1928 - January 6, 2013

The memorial service for Betty Stark will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 11, 2013 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Wadena, with Pastor Marli Danielson presiding. Friends may call at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Betty died at the age of 84, on Sunday, January 6, 2013, at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena.

Betty Gene Wheeler was born to George and Elizabeth “Betty” (Awruy) Wheeler on March 28, 1928 in Wadena, MN. She could recall that as a child her log home was built in southeast Wadena while she lived across the street. It was in that log home in our community that Betty lived her life. She graduated with the Wadena High School Class of 1946. She will be remembered in conjunction with Krause Drug Store where she worked for 48 years as the bookkeeper and friendly sales lady. It didn’t matter what you needed or wanted; Betty knew where to find the perfume, gift, or medication you asked for. She was a self-taught pharmacy lab technician before there ever was such a title. If it was in the store Betty had a hand in organizing it’s whereabouts or getting it to whoever needed it. She retired in 1996.

Betty married Richard “Bumps” Stark on April 5, 1972, and they lived in Betty’s childhood home. They loved to travel into Canada where many days were spent in a fishing boat. They also went deer hunting together. Betty enjoyed nature, feeding birds, walking, and the many, many days at their lake place on

Ottertail River. It was there that they entertained their treasured friends with boat rides, food and interesting conversation. Her happy disposition was shared with everyone, especially with children. She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ where she proudly stated she had been attending since the age of five years.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband Richard "Bumps" in 1983, and her parents George and Elizabeth. She is survived by friends, church members, and a community who loved her.

Honorary pallbearers will be her fellow co-workers at Krause Drug and the members & friends of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Wadena.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Colfax Ave. & 1st St. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Service

JAN 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Stark*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *I just learned about Betty passing this week. Betty was the last "veteran" to my family's cabin. Frank Leguil built it in 1955, Sioux Narrows, Lake of the Woods Canada. I am Frank's niece and still enjoy the trips to Canada each year, I'd known Betty and her mom since I was a very young child and would stop to visit Betty in the home she grew up. She was always offering me treats from the garden and I never went home empty handed, We shared the love for animals, especially cats. I caught my first walleye ice fishing on Ottertail in the old silver fish house Frank had built. Very fond memories of my youth and I am blessed to have known Betty, Bumps and all their pals.*

Dorothy Wadle Brede, Buffalo, MN

Dorothy Wadle Brede - January 30, 2013 at 03:23 PM

OK

“ I hardly know where to start because Betty was so many things to Stu's and my family! She wasn't only a special friend who we admired in all respects. She shared our enthusiasm for hunting, fishing, riding through the woods in search of grouse, enjoying Ottertail River and the lake. Betty was our co-worker and the longest employee of Krause Drug by many years. At times she and Bumps hosted the store parties at Ottertail Lake. Our younger employees used to say "If there is anything you need to know, just ask Betty. She knows everything". All who worked with her, respected her and enjoyed her. She seemed to know almost everyone from surrounding areas. In conclusion I just will say: "Betty, we love you! Someday I hope to share your home in Heaven."

Okie Krause

Okie Krause - January 13, 2013 at 07:13 PM

MK

“ Betty was a friend of my older sister, Ruth Kennedy. She graduated one year earlier than Ruth. Long after my sister left the area, Betty always mentioned her when I was shopping at Krause Drug. We shared the same birthdate and month, but I'm slightly younger. We usually shared a joke and always a laugh. She was a wonderful woman.

Mary Ellen Kennedy Kollodge

Mary Ellen Kollodge - January 11, 2013 at 12:08 AM

JC

“ A lifetime of memories working with Betty at Krause Drug, being a neighbor at the lake and stepping in for God-Mother when Bumps died 2 weeks after he was God-Father to Rozzi. She taught me to work hard and make a contribution. Betty knew absolutely everyone and everyone knew her. She loved giving as a volunteer and believed in patriotism, deer, kitties, the great outdoors, and loved her church, some special friends, and a lot more. She was a member of the "Greatest Generation" and the world will be different without her. Thanks for the great memorial written about her. You covered it all.

Josie Cimbura - January 10, 2013 at 06:42 PM

DM

“ She was very friendly as an employee at the drug store and I remember visiting a time or two when she needed her newspaper delivered. Always willing to help!
Rest in peace, Betty. You were quite the gal. Donna Mayo-Fearing

Donna Mayo-Fearing - January 10, 2013 at 01:40 PM

ML

“ Mary & Terry Lynk lit a candle in memory of Betty Stark



Mary & Terry Lynk - January 09, 2013 at 09:54 PM

JW

“ *JILL WESTRA lit a candle in memory of Betty Stark*



JILL WESTRA - January 09, 2013 at 08:43 PM

DD

“ *While my time wasn't long with Krause Drug we all knew the friendly laughter from Betty when she was in the store and if we needed help Betty was there and smiled and the situation was handled. There should be more people like Betty. She will be missed. Dian DeYonge*

Dian DeYonge - January 09, 2013 at 10:38 AM

PE

“ *Betty was a WONDERFUL lady and a role model to us all. Her love of nature, love of people and dedication to life is to be admired. We grew up close to her at the lake and have many wonderful memories of BBQs, fishing trips, snow mobiles and trips to Canada. Peg Ehlen-Miller*

Peg Ehlen-Miller - January 09, 2013 at 10:05 AM

JS

“ *Jean And Jen Johnson; Cheryl & Savannah lit a candle in memory of Betty Stark*



Jean and Jen Johnson; Cheryl & Savannah - January 08, 2013 at 06:30 PM

MV

“ *Marilyn Voge lit a candle in memory of Betty Stark*



Marilyn Voge - January 08, 2013 at 03:58 PM

JH

“ *Betty will always hold a special place in my heart from working with her at Krause Drug to being her neighbor for 10 years. I will miss you greatly Betty! Jane Hieb*

jane hieb - January 08, 2013 at 12:16 PM

JH

“ *Jane Hieb lit a candle in memory of Betty Stark*



jane hieb - January 08, 2013 at 12:11 PM

JS

“ *Jim & Tracey Stoneman sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Stark*



Jim & Tracey Stoneman - January 08, 2013 at 08:55 AM



“ *Jim & Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Betty Stark*



Jim & Rocky Reese - January 07, 2013 at 10:26 PM



“ *Michael Bondzin lit a candle in memory of Betty Stark*



Michael Bondzin - January 07, 2013 at 08:15 PM



“ *John Uselman lit a candle in memory of Betty Stark*



john uselman - January 07, 2013 at 07:30 PM



Betty was kind and generous, yet tough as nails. She was someone I looked up to as a kid and someone I enjoyed seeing every time I went to the lake. Betty loved gophers sports and always had the football game on the radio. She loved the lake and she loved fishing. One regret - we never did go to her secret spot for big walleyes. Betty was family and I will miss her - always.

Jim Krause - January 12, 2013 at 12:48 PM