



Betty Wood

March 19, 1933 - January 24, 2014

Elizabeth (Betty) Ann Wood was born on March 19, 1933 to LaVerne and Mae Rowe at home outside of Hewitt, Minnesota. She was the 9th child of 10 siblings. Betty graduated from Verndale High School in 1951. She attended a one-year teacher training in Staples and her first teaching job was at Messer Rural School. Betty was united in marriage to Laurence Wood on June 19, 1954 at the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Hewitt. While raising four children, she taught at rural schools in Bluffton, Leader, Baxter and furthered her education at Bemidji State College, where she received a B.S. in Education in 1970. She then taught in Wadena and concluded her teaching career in Verndale, where she dedicated thirty years to teaching primarily fifth grade.

Betty is survived by Laurence, her loving husband of almost sixty years; children Kim (Sally Ann), Nancy (Larry) Matthews, Mark (Sally Jean), and Brenda Ambe; grandchildren Russell (Andrea), Ryan, Matthew (Polly), Abby (Ethan), Amber, Caleb, Josiah, Levi, Mara and Jena; step-grandchildren Kristie, Lance and Sidney (Roxie); great-grandchildren, Callan, Kessley, and Emlen; step-great grandchildren Sidney and Jaylen; sisters Marjorie, Judith and Genevieve; loyal friend Bonnie Richter; and many loving nieces and nephews.

She cherished family time, Sunday afternoon drives, Airstream camping,

picnics in the yard, scrapbooking and Scrabble. She passed away on January 24, 2014 after a courageous battle with breast cancer, holding Laurence's hand and surrounded by her family at her home in Apple Valley, MN.

The family wishes to extend gratitude to all of the compassionate staff of St. Croix Hospice and Ecumen Seasons at Apple Valley.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at the United Methodist Church in Wadena. Visitation will be held on Friday, January 31st from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena and will resume on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services at the Wadena Methodist Church.

Memorials preferred in lieu of flowers.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

16277 120th Street
1st Ave./ Co Rd 104 (1 mile west of Verndale)
Verndale, MN 56481

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **31**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Tribute Wall



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



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *So sorry to read of this today. Mrs. Wood was an amazingly compassionate teacher. I remember when our 5th grade class put on a play of Benjamin Franklin (I played Ben) and her patience with all of us. She gave me extra attention during a very painful period of my young life. Her passing leaves a very empty space. -Trish Alger (Patty Compton)*



Trish Alger - August 24, 2015 at 11:20 AM



“ *Dave Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Betty Wood*



Dave Schumacher - February 06, 2014 at 08:30 PM

JW

“ I always enjoyed Betty as a teacher in school. When Betty would come into Thrifty White Drug where I work we always visited about school. She was such a sweet lady. She will really be missed. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. She is now in a better place with no pain. Just happiness.
with love,
Jill Westra

jill westra - January 31, 2014 at 09:13 PM

JW

“ Jill Westra lit a candle in memory of Betty Wood



jill westra - January 31, 2014 at 08:59 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Wood.



January 30, 2014 at 09:55 PM

RS

“A good teacher is like a candle ~ it consumes itself to light the way for others.”
Betty was such a dear helpful teaching friend to me when I taught at Verndale Elementary School (1975-1985). I was so appreciative of Betty, who always welcomed me to her 5th Grade classroom to willing share her teaching methods, projects and materials!!
~~In Loving Remembrance,
Rosalie L. Schmith



Rosalie L. Schmith - January 29, 2014 at 08:33 PM



“Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Wood.”



January 29, 2014 at 05:54 PM

KK

“I was so sad to see that your mom has passed away. I remember her very fondly -- she was always so nice, and treated me like a member of the family. My thoughts are with you.”

Karen Joan Kohoutek - January 29, 2014 at 03:52 PM

KG

“ Dearest Nancy and family,

We are so saddened by the loss of your mom. I am grateful that I did get to meet this sweet lady at Thanksgiving, and that Maddie was able to meet her, as well.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Larry, as well as with your dad and siblings, and the rest of the family during this most difficult time.

*All our love to you,
The Griffins (Kim, Bud, and Maddie, along with Tanner, and Ben)*

Kim Griffin - January 29, 2014 at 01:32 PM

CR

“ Chris Randall lit a candle in memory of Betty Wood



Chris Randall - January 28, 2014 at 03:51 PM

SF

“ Shari (Wallsmith) Culver & Family lit a candle in memory of Betty Wood



Shari (Wallsmith) Culver & Family - January 28, 2014 at 02:29 PM



“ *Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Betty Wood.* ”



January 28, 2014 at 10:25 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



Nancy Matthews - January 28, 2014 at 08:44 AM



“ *Gwen Anderson lit a candle in memory of Betty Wood* ”



Gwen Anderson - January 27, 2014 at 08:51 PM



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Brenda Ambe - January 27, 2014 at 03:27 PM

CD

“ Carol Derby lit a candle in memory of Betty Wood



Carol Derby - January 26, 2014 at 07:05 PM

LH

“ To Betty's family, We are so sorry to hear about Betty. We were happy we were able to visit Betty and Laurence a few months ago in Apple Valley. Many great memories of teaching with Betty in Verndale. We had some fun times. Lyle & Deb Haraldson



Lyle Haraldson - January 26, 2014 at 06:53 PM

BR

“ Dear Laurence and family sorry to her about Betty's passing. I will miss her. She is now home with God.

Robert, Tom, and Dan



Bonnie Richter - January 24, 2014 at 06:52 PM

BR

“ *Laurence, Nancy, Brenda, Mark, Kim and families,
I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I will always cherish her kindness, support, and words of wisdom. We will miss her dearly, but know that she is with us in spirit.*

Mark & Bonnie Richter



Bonnie Richter - January 24, 2014 at 06:48 PM