



Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen

May 1, 1926 - March 2, 2014

The Mass of Christian Burial for Catherine Mary "Babe" Vorderbruggen of Bluffton will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bluffton with Fr. Aaron Kuhn, Fr. Tom Carkhuff and Fr. Kermit Holl as co-celebrants. Friends may call at the Johnson - Schuller Chapel in Wadena on Wednesday from 4:00 until 8:00 PM with Christian Mothers rosary service at 5:00 PM and Parish Prayers at 6:00 PM. Visitation continues on Thursday from 9:30 AM until the time of mass at the church. Catherine passed away at the age of 87 on Sunday, March 2, 2014 at the Elders Home in New York Mills with family at her side.

Babe was born to Charles and Philomena "Minnie" (Lemm-Miller) Kupfer on May 1, 1926, in Bluffton, MN, where she attended the St. John the Baptist Catholic School through the eighth grade. On October 11, 1949, she was united in marriage to Claude Vorderbruggen at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. As a dedicated wife, mother and homemaker, she filled her days with caring for her family and enjoyed gardening throughout the years. She taught her family that the greatest lesson in life was "knowing you must have a deep faith in God and practice it by going to church and living a good life". She enjoyed playing cards, loved visiting with friends and spending time with her family. Babe was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, Bluffton's Lions Club, Senior Citizens and Christian Mothers.

Babe was preceded in death by her husband, Claude, on January 14, 2001; parents Charles and Minnie; brothers Joe, William, Sylvester, Robert, Leo and Jim Kupfer; sisters Marie Kupfer, Gertrude Klinnert, Helen Weller and Leona Carkhuff.

She is survived by her sons Jim (Marilyn) of Bluffton and Kevin (Mary) of New York Mills ; daughters Linda (Dennis) Loween, Donna (Allen) Schmitz and Janice (Scott) Carpenter all of Wadena; 16 grandchildren & 16 great-grandchildren; along with a host of friends.

Pallbearers will be David Loween, Chad Loween, Trent Loween Lance Loween, Cory Vorderbruggen, Kyle Vorderbruggen and Tyler Schmitz.

Burial will be in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery in Bluffton.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery

310 Main St.
Bluffton, MN 56518

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

MAR 6. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
310 Main St.
Bluffton, MN 56518

Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
310 Main St.
Bluffton, MN 56518

Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Ralph & MaryAnn Haman lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



Ralph & MaryAnn Haman - March 07, 2014 at 08:04 AM

JM

“ I talked to your mom in Walmart a couple months ago. We talked probably 20 minutes. Mostly about the Life Alert her kids made her get. I thought that was funny cuz my mom said the same thing when we got her Life Alert. Babe was a beautiful lady. I always said she looks just the same as when I was a kid. She would always say hi and stop and ask how my mom was doing. (Margaret Roggenkamp) She will be missed. You are in our prayers. Joni Roggenkamp Malone.

Joan Malone - March 05, 2014 at 05:37 PM

DS

Joan, Thank you for sharing this memory of mom. I can just hear her saying that "her kids made her get it" too. It took us a while to convince her too.

Donna Schmitz - March 07, 2014 at 07:21 PM

JB

“ *Joan Vorderbruggen & Darryl Booker lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen*



Joan Vorderbruggen & Darryl Booker - March 05, 2014 at 01:31 PM

GD

“ *George/Julie Deiss lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen*



George/Julie Deiss - March 05, 2014 at 12:54 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen.*



March 05, 2014 at 11:30 AM

TR

“ Oh my dear Grandma...you have always been such an inspiration. Your deep faith, your gentle way, your love of family and wonderful sense of humor. I will never forget your laugh and how your whole face lit up when you did laugh. How appropriate was it that you had a "glorious smile" on your face when you breathed your last. I know you saw Grandpa (your sweetie as you called him) and your God. I love you and will think of you until we see each other again. Terri



Terri Reineccius - March 05, 2014 at 10:50 AM

SJ

“ SANDY JASMER lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



SANDY JASMER - March 05, 2014 at 10:40 AM

RK

“ You are missed!

Richard Kupfer - March 05, 2014 at 07:45 AM

DA

“ "A mother holds her children's hands for a little while, their hearts forever." May your farewell to your dear mom/ grandma be blessed. Diane



Di Schiller Anderson - March 04, 2014 at 11:34 PM

AD

“ Audrey Schwartz Davis lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



Audrey Schwartz Davis - March 04, 2014 at 08:10 PM

AS

“ Ann (Endres) And Aaron Simms lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



Ann (Endres) and Aaron Simms - March 04, 2014 at 08:03 PM

RH

“ Ray And Sue Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



Ray and Sue Hoffman - March 04, 2014 at 07:10 PM

RY

“ Rick And Linda Youngbauer lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



Rick and Linda Youngbauer - March 04, 2014 at 05:25 PM

SB

“ *Scott & Kristie Barthel lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen*



Scott & Kristie Barthel - March 04, 2014 at 03:02 PM

MF

“ *Mary Jo, Byron, And Family lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen*



Mary Jo, Byron, and Family - March 04, 2014 at 12:13 PM

JK

“ *Jennifer, Joel & Kids lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen*



Jennifer, Joel & kids - March 04, 2014 at 10:09 AM

JR

“ *Jeff & Toni Rimpila lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen*



Jeff & Toni Rimpila - March 04, 2014 at 09:57 AM

KL

“ Ken & Nancy Lawson lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



Ken & Nancy Lawson - March 04, 2014 at 09:28 AM

DM

“ Dixie Murray lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



Dixie Murray - March 03, 2014 at 09:03 PM

GC

“ Jim etal - I enjoyed your mother so much. when we had a chance to visit it was great. Sorry to hear that she is gone - enjoy your memories - Gladys Hansen Chase



Gladys Chase - March 03, 2014 at 07:17 PM

DH

“ Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



Darrell & Peggy Haman - March 03, 2014 at 06:40 PM

AG

“ Amber, Josh, Gavin lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



Amber, Josh, Gavin - March 03, 2014 at 04:58 PM

SV

“ Sara Vorderbruggen lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



Sara Vorderbruggen - March 03, 2014 at 04:32 PM

DH

“ DG Don & Lion Pat Hendrickx lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



DG Don & Lion Pat Hendrickx - March 03, 2014 at 03:40 PM

DH

DG Don and Lion Pat Hendrickx

DG Don Hendrickx - March 03, 2014 at 03:41 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Walz lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen*



Brenda Walz - March 03, 2014 at 02:10 PM

JB

“ *Jack And Lucille Belch lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen*



Jack and Lucille Belch - March 03, 2014 at 02:09 PM

DG

“ *Duane & Jan Guck lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen*



Duane & Jan Guck - March 03, 2014 at 12:26 PM

RK

“ *Rich And Mavis Kendall lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen*



Rich and Mavis Kendall - March 03, 2014 at 11:49 AM

DE

“ Dean And Cheri Endres lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



Dean and Cheri Endres - March 03, 2014 at 11:29 AM

BH

“ Bob & Donna Haman lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



Bob & Donna Haman - March 03, 2014 at 11:22 AM

GS

“ Gayle And Dan Schwab lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



Gayle and Dan Schwab - March 03, 2014 at 11:12 AM

JW

“ Jerry & Diane Weller lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



Jerry & Diane Weller - March 03, 2014 at 10:36 AM

DS

“ *Diane Stroot lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen*



Diane Stroot - March 03, 2014 at 10:09 AM

ST

“ *Sue Theisen lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen*



Sue Theisen - March 03, 2014 at 08:48 AM

JH

“ *Jason, Sara & Sadie Hotakainen lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen*



Jason, Sara & Sadie Hotakainen - March 03, 2014 at 08:03 AM

SW

“ *Steve And Ellen Wallgren lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen*



Steve and Ellen Wallgren - March 03, 2014 at 07:58 AM

KE

“ Kelly lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



kelly - March 03, 2014 at 07:46 AM

KW

“ Kevin & Cindy Wallgren lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



Kevin & Cindy Wallgren - March 03, 2014 at 07:41 AM

SH

“ Sharon Heinen lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



Sharon Heinen - March 03, 2014 at 07:27 AM

KH

“ Karen & LeRoy Haman lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



Karen & LeRoy Haman - March 03, 2014 at 07:15 AM

MW

“ *Myron & Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen*



Myron & Karen Winkelman - March 03, 2014 at 06:35 AM

MV

“ *Margaret & Peter VanErp lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen*



Margaret & Peter VanErp - March 03, 2014 at 12:42 AM

RT

“ *Rich & Marilyn Trout lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen*



Rich & Marilyn Trout - March 03, 2014 at 12:24 AM

TS

“ Dear Linda, Jim, Kevin, Donna, Janice and families~

Thinking of you cousins as I am saddened for each of you. I know you'll miss your Mom so very much, she will be missed by many including myself. We are praying for God's comfort and strength for all of your family.

I can imagine the smile on your Mom's face as she met her Savior early this morning, and how she must now be rejoicing in all of God's glory as she is reunited with your Dad!

Also thinking of Aunt Babe once again being with our Grandpa & Grandma Kupfer and all the rest of the eleven 'Kupfer Kids'~ What a loving legacy they created~many fond memories we can all hold onto!

*Our love and deepest sympathy to all of you~
Trish & Bruce*



Trish Steinkopf - March 02, 2014 at 11:18 PM

DF

“ Dave & Sharon Folkestad lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen



Dave & Sharon Folkestad - March 02, 2014 at 10:25 PM

DS

“ *Dan And Deb Sweere lit a candle in memory
of Catherine "Babe" Vorderbruggen*



Dan and Deb Sweere - March 02, 2014 at 10:17 PM