



## Cecelia Beckner

January 10, 1918 - January 24, 2014

The Mass of Christian Burial for Cecelia Beckner of Wadena, will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. Friends may call on Tuesday from 4:00-8:00p.m. at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena, with Rosary at 5:00 and Prayers at 6:00. Visitation will resume at the church on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. Cecelia passed away at the age of 96, on January 24, 2014 at the St. Otto's Care Center in Little Falls, MN.

Cecelia Marie Beckner was born January 10, 1918, to John and Mathilda (Pischke) Reger in Wadena, MN. She was the youngest of eight children; three boys and five girls. Cecelia grew up in Wadena where she met and married Herb Beckner of Motley. It was there she spent the majority of her life, first as a homemaker, and in 1957, she became the first employee of the El Ray Truck Stop. In 1959, she made a career move and was hired as secretary and bookkeeper at the Motley Public School, where she remained for 29 years until her retirement. She returned to the family property in Wadena. By October 2013, she moved to St. Otto's in Little Falls, where she remained until her death.

Cecelia is survived by her sons, Larry of Motley and John (Michelle Schilling) of Casper, WY; Larry's son Erik; special daughter-in-law Gail and children

Tammy and Jonathan; former daughter-in-law Joni Beckner and children Jason, Angela and Katherine; along with eight great-grandchildren.

Cecelia was preceded in death by her husband R. Herbert; parents John and Mathilda; brothers Andrew, Jack and Matthew; sisters Clara Ehlen, Ann Andrie, Mary "Mickey" Alfonso along with an infant sister; and granddaughter Mary Ann Beckner.

Honorary pallbearers will be Edward Bretz and Jonathan "Bubba" Beckner. Serving as pallbearers will be Charles Ehlen, Erik Rislund, John Thomas, Tom Andrie and Jason Beckner.

Burial will be held at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

JAN 29. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church  
514 1st St. SE  
Wadena, MN

## Service

JAN 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church  
514 1st St. SE  
Wadena, MN

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Jill Westra lit a candle in memory of Cecelia Beckner*



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**jill westra** - January 31, 2014 at 09:16 PM

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“ *Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*Doug and Cindy Spartz*

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**Cindy Spartz** - January 28, 2014 at 06:29 AM

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“ *Heaven gained a saint the day she went to heaven! She was the most kind hearted person I have ever met. You are loved so very much and will be missed Ceil!*

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**Amy Ziegler** - January 27, 2014 at 12:00 PM

DA

“ *Cele was such a dear friend to my Aunt Marie. They did lots of "galavanting around" with their favorite destination being various parish dinners:-) God bless those memories!*  
*Diane Schiller Anderson*



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**Di Anderson** - January 26, 2014 at 06:20 PM