



## Elizabeth Schmidt

December 20, 1922 - December 2, 2009

Elizabeth “Betty” Catherine (Merkel) Schmidt was born on December 20, 1922 to John A. and Catherine (Stein) Merkel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She passed away at her home in Wadena, Minnesota, at the age of 86 years, on December 2, 2009. Betty was united in marriage with Arthur “Bud” Schmidt on March 17, 1956 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Betty and Bud moved to Wadena in 1968, after Bud’s retirement from the U.S. Air Force. She was a devoted wife and homemaker, who was also employed as a cook’s assistant and dental assistant. Betty very much enjoyed talking with a wide range of people of all ages. She especially liked children and her pets. She was characteristically proud and guarded her independence and right to self determination. Remarkably, for many years she diligently kept notes about the significant and even routine events of each day. Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur, on May 30, 1996; and by her parents, John and Catherine. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 2009 in the Johnson Memorial Home Chapel in Wadena, with Father Donald Wagner officiating. Pallbearers were Allan Lynk, Karen Johnson, and Jim Wynn. Burial took place in the Wadena Cemetery in Wadena, Minnesota.

# Tribute Wall

DD

“ *Alot of good memories with Betty, very special lady! Blessings!  
Love, Deb*

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**Deb N James Daugherty** - December 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *i have known betty for about 10 years my ex husband and my kids  
would shovel her driveway for her she would always say here  
comes elves when my kids would shovel i had not seen her for  
awhile and was saddened to hear that she had passed away she  
will be missed very dearly*

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**patty sanders** - December 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *to the family of Betty Schmidt*

*i am sorry for your loss you and your family are in my prayers.*

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**Alyssa Bertram** - December 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Aunt Betty,*

*May you rest in peace now with Uncle Bud.*

*God bless you.*

*Also, I would like to thank Father Donald Wagner for officiating my  
aunt's service. And, Pallbearers Allan Lynk, Karen Johnson, and  
Jim Wynn for their help.*

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**Anthony Arthur Merkel** - December 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Aunt Betty,

*May god bless you.*

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**Edward Nicholas Merkel** - December 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ aunt betty may you fly with the angels! the lord has got anotherback!please say hello to daddy,uncle bud,uncle john,granddad and grandmom.Tell them as with you,their always with us.Remember though there is know greater love then that of family!!! Bye aunt betty. john

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**John Merkel** - December 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ i will miss u betty

*i liked shvoling your drive way*

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**cierra bertram** - December 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Betty, Thanks for being a great neighbor and friend. God Bless You! We will miss you. Love The Reed's

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**Nancy Stevens Reed** - December 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Betty you will be missed dearly. You were an angel on earth and I know you will be a guardian angel up above. God bless you.

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**Jill Fearing** - December 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Betty,

*You and Bud were great neighbors, always caring and willing to share your life stories. We always felt comfortable in your home... Thanks for all the memories growing up, God sent you to us and now it is time for you to be with him. Both you and Bud were wonderful people and we all can learn from your kindness! You will truly be missed. God Speed!*

*Love, Ben & Brenda*

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**Ben & Brenda Stevens** - December 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM