



Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth

September 9, 1931 - June 10, 2020

A private family service will be held for Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth of Wadena, at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena with Father Aaron Kuhn as Celebrant. The Memorial Mass for Susie will be celebrated at a later date.

Susie, age 88, passed away peacefully on June 10, 2020, at the Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena, MN.

Emelda "Susie" Ann Uselman was born to Louis and Elizabeth (Hanebuth) Uselman on September 9, 1931 in rural Wadena, MN. She attended country school and graduated from Wadena High School.

Susie was united in marriage with George Thomas Ditsworth on September 15, 1953 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena. They moved throughout the US: Iowa, Texas, Louisiana, Alaska, North Dakota and Minnesota to support George's military service. By 1970 they settled down in Minnesota.

Susie enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom for many years. Local residents will remember Susie as the friendly lady at the Ben Franklin, now Hometown Crafts, checkout counter for over 30 years. She took great pride in assisting customers and building relationships and was very proud of the crew she worked with over the years. She enjoyed making memories with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Susie carried a strong faith and

personal relationship with God, and will be remembered for her caring heart, love for her family and a passion to help others. She was a member of the Wadena VFW Women's Auxiliary and Christian Mothers.

Susie was preceded in death by her husband George (9-11-2007), parents Louis and Elizabeth; son Timothy Lee Ditsworth; brothers Frank, George, Nicholas, Leo, Thomas, Peter "Spitz" and Mike Uselman; and sisters Marie Walz, Betty Ronayne and Lori Brauch.

Susie is survived by her children Tom (Marilyn) Ditsworth of Audubon, IA, Carla (Mark) Schwantz of Bertha; Dan Ditsworth of Wadena, and Bryan (Linda) Ditsworth of Wahpeton, ND; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren; sister Dottie (Gary) Towery of Woodruff, SC; along with a host of friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Chris Ditsworth, Kevin Ditsworth, Nick Schwantz, Allan Robinson, Jared Hoemberg and Joshua Ditsworth.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

The family suggests memorials be directed to St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Jay Hutson lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



Jay Hutson - June 16, 2020 at 10:46 PM

RR

“ Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



Rocky Reese - June 15, 2020 at 05:14 PM

JU

“ John Uselman lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



john uselman - June 15, 2020 at 03:37 PM

PL

“ Pat Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



Pat Lorentz - June 15, 2020 at 01:27 PM

TB

“ Tom And Joan Brauch sent a virtual gift in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



Tom and Joan Brauch - June 14, 2020 at 11:13 PM

EF

“ Esther And Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



Esther and Alan Freitag - June 14, 2020 at 09:56 PM

JA

“ Tom and family. So sorry to hear of you mothers passing. She was always such a beautiful person. May God bless you with peace in the days ahead, and know that we will all be together as our Lord and Savior has promised. She is at peace in the hands of Our Father. Deepest sympathies, Jackie (Blom) Perius



Jackie - June 14, 2020 at 07:27 PM

LR

“ What a grand lady God has called home. Brian Mike Rowan would love to get in touch with you . email me your phone number leone.rowan@gmail.com

Leone W Rowan - June 14, 2020 at 06:51 AM

DS

“ Aunt Susie was a ray of sunshine on a dreary day. She always had a smile or joke to share. She was a real great lady.

Deb Scott - June 12, 2020 at 10:20 PM

BD

“ Bob And Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



Bob and Kathy Derby - June 12, 2020 at 09:36 PM

RJ

“ Susie was one of the most friendly, positive people I ever knew. I first got to know her when she was working at the B&G Dime store way back in '53. I worked there with her for a short time when I was a senior in high school. It was so good to see her back later at Ben Franklin. She did become the "Ben Franklin Lady"!!

Rose (Kern) Johnson - June 12, 2020 at 08:25 PM

Jl

“ Jerry And Irene lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



Jerry and Irene - June 12, 2020 at 06:28 PM

RS

“ Brian and Family, so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother, she was a sweet lady. Gods prayers and his grace to you,
Ryan Stigman

Ryan Stigman - June 12, 2020 at 05:48 PM

KR

“ May she be reunited with George. She was so faithful in saying her rosary every Sunday morning before 8:30 mass!! It was very edifying to me... a pillar of St Ann's.

Katherine rohr - June 12, 2020 at 11:05 AM

RT

“ Aunt Susie was such a “constant” at Ben Franklin. I think because of that she knew so many people. I became more aware of how well known and liked she was when we would occasionally go to McDonald's for breakfast. I was so excited to have her all to myself so I could hear all the old stories of growing up on the farm with Grampa and Gramma and all the sibilings. It seems Susie couldn't finish a story because she was so often interrupted by an acquaintance coming to the table to talk to her. She was like a people magnate. I loved listening to her because she remembered so many details, and many so comical, about the old days. We just laughed a lot. She talked, I listened and laughed. She had such respect for others, always saying the good, nothing negative about anyone. I remember too, that she never needed me to take her to the store because Carla and the boys always saw that she had what she needed. They took such good care of her.
I am so thankful for those visits and I will dearly miss her. She was such a happy and prayerful lady. I bet heaven is rollicking with joy and laughter!

Regina Tellers - June 12, 2020 at 10:51 AM

RK

amen gina...I will miss her infectious laughter. hugs to tom carla dan and bryan.

rita uselman keenan - June 12, 2020 at 08:10 PM

MF

“ Marie Fraune sent a virtual gift in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



marie fraune - June 12, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ She was a very sweet person I remember her very well from Ben Franklin's and Wadena. I was good friends with Bryan, her son. She will be resting in peace for sure.



Scott Kern - June 12, 2020 at 10:04 AM

DR

“ Dave And Barb Rousslang lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



dave and barb rousslang - June 12, 2020 at 09:15 AM

ME

“ Margaret & Peter Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



Margaret & Peter Van Erp - June 12, 2020 at 09:08 AM

LB

“ Lorie & Jim Baron sent a virtual gift in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



Lorie & Jim Baron - June 12, 2020 at 08:59 AM

GC

“ Gladys Chase lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



Gladys Chase - June 12, 2020 at 08:34 AM

IH

“ Ida Hennagir lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



Ida Hennagir - June 12, 2020 at 08:31 AM



“ *I loved Susie with all of my heart. She was always so kind to me and made me feel special!!! Rest in peace dear Susie. Hugs and kisses!*

Deb Ostlund Cary - June 12, 2020 at 08:26 AM

GW

“ *Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth*



Glen Donna Wood - June 12, 2020 at 08:25 AM

MH

“ *She was a fun person to visit with in Ben Franklin's. May she rest in peace.*

Marjorie Harrison - June 12, 2020 at 07:30 AM

MH

“ *Marjorie Harrison lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth*



Marjorie Harrison - June 12, 2020 at 07:28 AM

MA

“ *Mark & Barb Allen lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth*



Mark & Barb Allen - June 11, 2020 at 11:09 PM

DF

“ *Dave & Sharon Folkestad lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth*



Dave & Sharon Folkestad - June 11, 2020 at 10:23 PM

CO

“ *Susie always had a smile on her face. She seemed just happy to be with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends. The world lost a gentle soul and she will be missed.*



Connie - June 11, 2020 at 09:48 PM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth*



Marladene Heinen - June 11, 2020 at 09:47 PM

DO

“ *Doug And Joan Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth*



Doug and Joan Ostlund - June 11, 2020 at 09:39 PM

MV

“ *Marilyn And Jim Vorderbruggen lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth*



Marilyn and Jim Vorderbruggen - June 11, 2020 at 09:38 PM

RU

“ *Aunt Susie had a way of always making you feel welcome and always had the right words to put things in perspective. You will be missed. My thought and prayers are with the family.*

Rob Uselman - June 11, 2020 at 08:21 PM

DD

“ *I enjoyed working with Susie over ten years ago She was always smiling and had such a bubbly personality.*

Deb Dague - June 11, 2020 at 08:16 PM

BB

“ Betty Barr lit a candle in memory of Emelda
"Susie" Ditsworth



Betty Barr - June 11, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ Your mother was such a great lady !!! Susie always had a smile on
her face and a laugh like no other!!! Susie was a good friend and I
will miss her dearly hugs and prayers to her children .

Penny McManigle - June 11, 2020 at 07:39 PM

MP

“ Morris And Karen Priebe lit a candle in
memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



Morris and Karen Priebe - June 11, 2020 at 07:37 PM

LM

“ Larry And Sheila Meyer lit a candle in
memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



Larry and Sheila Meyer - June 11, 2020 at 07:22 PM

JP

“ Jerry And Kathy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



Jerry and Kathy Peterson - June 11, 2020 at 07:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth.



June 11, 2020 at 06:20 PM

CG

“ Cindy Goeden lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



Cindy Goeden - June 11, 2020 at 05:15 PM

MW

“ Myron & Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



Myron & Karen Winkelman - June 11, 2020 at 04:22 PM

JD

“ *Janice Denny lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth*



Janice Denny - June 11, 2020 at 03:51 PM

MS

“ *Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth*



Mike and Lea Snyder - June 11, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth.*



June 11, 2020 at 02:49 PM

LH

“ *Prayers for all of Susie's loved ones...she will be missed dearly! Love, Darrell & Lisa Hoemberg*



Lisa Hoemberg - June 11, 2020 at 02:23 PM

BE

“ Bonnie Evans lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



Bonnie Evans - June 11, 2020 at 02:07 PM

PH

“ Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



Peggy Haman - June 11, 2020 at 01:01 PM

SS

“ Always enjoyed having Susie check me out at Ben Franklin. Her friendly attitude was beyond compare.. I missed her so much when she left as i am sure so many others did too.. God bless her.



sally siegler - June 11, 2020 at 12:56 PM

AS

“ Allen & Donna Schmitz lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Susie" Ditsworth



Allen & Donna Schmitz - June 11, 2020 at 12:25 PM