



## Irene Neitzke

August 21, 1924 - November 9, 2014

The memorial Mass for Irene Catherine Neitzke, of Wadena, will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 15, 2014, at the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. Friends may call on Friday at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena from 4:00-8:00 p.m., with Prayers at 6:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. Irene passed away on Sunday, November 9, 2014, at the Tri-County Healthcare in Wadena.

Irene was born to John and Lucy (Pikar) Endres on August 21, 1924, in Wadena, MN. She was raised and attended school in her hometown. After graduation she attended the College of St. Benedict's in St. Joseph, MN. She worked for many years at AAA in Minneapolis where she met and later married W. Robert Egan on July 7, 1951. Irene will be remembered in the community as a legal secretary for the Carl W. Peltoniemi Law Office for 14 years.

Irene married Dr. Alfred "Al" Neitzke on August 29, 1987, in Wadena. They made their home in Wadena and at Ottertail Lake, and enjoyed escaping winter months in Minnesota by traveling to Englewood, FL. Irene loved people and making friends through her many activities in the community. She was a member of the VFW, Elks Club, St. Ann's Christian Mothers, Wadena Area Food Shelf, Wadena Coffee Club, and was an avid Bridge player. She also

played golf and bowled for many years. She enjoyed watching all sports, especially her Minnesota Twins baseball team! Irene and Al loved traveling throughout the United States and the world.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents John and Lucy; her first husband W. Robert Egan on February 10, 1977; grandson Stephen Elliott Rush; and brother Paul Endres and his wife Florence.

She is survived by her husband Dr. Alfred Neitzke; sons William (Teresa) Egan of Eagan and Timothy (Laura) Neitzke of Perham; daughters Colleen Fischer of Minneapolis and Mary Beth Neitzke of White Bear Lake; 10 grandchildren; along with a host of friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jeane Zosel, Lorraine Gallagher, Cora Steffens, Lillian Pladson, Shirley Edeburn, Peg Bjelland, Marge Wolters, Barb Umland, Marilyn Brink, Myrtle Vierkant, Dorie Sweere, Sharon Squire, Phyllis Burns, Marlyn Freer, Gloria Merickel, Al Browne, Mary Ann Hagen, Mary Lou Lien, Bonnie Schlect, Marlys Timm, Iris Nyberg, Therese Pavek, Mary Krause, Maisey Mueller, Shirley Montan, Georjanne Johnson, Lois Brummer, Sally Adams, Gloria Larson, and all who considered Irene a friend.

Burial will be held at a later date in Calvary Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Memorial contributions are preferred.

Arrangements are with the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena. ([www.SchullerFamilyFH.com](http://www.SchullerFamilyFH.com))

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **14**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

NOV **15**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Service

NOV **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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



# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Irene Neitzke*



**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - November 13, 2014 at 01:57 PM

LA

*Wonderful video! God Bless Aunt Irene!!!*

**Linda Anderson** - November 13, 2014 at 07:59 PM

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“ *Laura, Tim and Family,  
Very sorry for your loss.  
Lisa Watson (Moreno)*

**Lisa Watson (Moreno)** - November 26, 2014 at 12:11 PM

DA

“ *Diane Anderson lit a candle in memory of Irene Neitzke*



**Diane Anderson** - November 14, 2014 at 03:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Irene Neitzke.*



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November 14, 2014 at 11:01 AM



“ *Marie And Mike Fraune sent a virtual gift in memory of Irene Neitzke*



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**Marie and Mike Fraune** - November 13, 2014 at 09:07 AM



“ *Bill, Terri & Christine,  
What a wonderful mom and grandma you were blessed with! We are so sorry for your loss. Let's hope that Irene will shower her beloved MN Twins with luck from heaven!  
Love you all, Tony, Joni, Katie & Julia*

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**Joni** - November 12, 2014 at 09:30 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Irene Neitzke.*



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November 12, 2014 at 09:04 PM

Tom  
Egan

“ *Some of my fondest childhood memories were going over to Aunt Irene's and Uncle Bob's house to play with cousin Bill. She was a very special lady and I loved her dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Tom Egan** - November 12, 2014 at 02:35 PM

HA

“ *So sorry to hear about Irene. I remember waiting on her at The Uptown when she worked for Carl, and when Alfred and she would come into the Uptown to eat. She loved my sweet pickles that I made for them every summer. Will miss visiting with her. She was a very nice person . Glad that I had the chance to know her. Helen Allee*

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**helen allee** - November 12, 2014 at 01:08 PM

MC

“ *Mary Ellen Egan and Harold Cook purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Irene Neitzke.*



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**Mary Ellen Egan and Harold Cook** - November 12, 2014 at 09:11 AM

PB

“ *The heavens have a bright new star shinning.  
Irene will be missed by all she touched. She always had a kind  
word to say and a smile that lit up a room.*

*Al, my heart goes out to you and family. Thinking of  
you during this sad time.*

*I have such fond memories of you two coming over at the lake  
when I was a kid, going out for dinner and time in Florida. Love  
you both.*

*All my love,  
Paula (Renier) Bennett and family.*

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**paula bennett** - November 11, 2014 at 09:44 PM

VM

“ *MaryBeth and family,  
Sorry for the loss of your loved one, Irene. You are in our thoughts  
and prayers as you move through these days together as a family.  
Love, Ross and Vicki*

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**Vicki Munson** - November 11, 2014 at 09:30 PM

DF

“ *Dave & Sharon Folkestad lit a candle in  
memory of Irene Neitzke*



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**Dave & Sharon Folkestad** - November 11, 2014 at 09:05 PM

TO

“ Prayers and thoughts to family and friends of Irene. What a beautiful spirit.

Tiffany Orsello - November 11, 2014 at 05:29 PM

CU

“ Cindy Umland lit a candle in memory of Irene Neitzke



Cindy Umland - November 11, 2014 at 02:00 PM

RJ

“ Roger, Lyn, Ryan, Caitlin, Kristin & Justin purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Irene Neitzke.



Roger, Lyn, Ryan, Caitlin, Kristin & Justin - November 11, 2014 at 10:38 AM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Irene Neitzke.



November 11, 2014 at 08:14 AM

MW

“ *Myron & Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Irene Neitzke*



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**Myron & Karen Winkelman** - November 10, 2014 at 02:27 PM

LM

“ *Liz Miller lit a candle in memory of Irene Neitzke*



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**liz miller** - November 10, 2014 at 02:18 PM

LM

*Irene was a dear friend of my mother's. Then she became a dear friend of mine. She always had a beautiful smile and was a wonderful, kind and generous person. My sympathy to all of you at this sad time.*

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**Liz Miller** - November 10, 2014 at 02:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irene Neitzke.*



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November 10, 2014 at 09:01 AM