



## Isabelle Heltemes

November 4, 1923 - February 25, 2009

Isabelle Eleanor (Budig) Heltemes was born to Willibald and Louisa (Schwartz) Budig on November 4, 1923 in Wadena, MN. She passed away on February 25, 2009 at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena, at the age of 85 years. She had been a resident at the Elders Home in New York Mills, and formerly of Humphrey Manor in Wadena. Isabelle was united in marriage to Walter Herman Heltemes on August 23, 1943 in Wadena. As a member of the community for over 75 years she will be remembered as an employee at Homecrest and Ben Franklin. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, Lady Foresters, and Christian Mothers. Isabelle enjoyed flowers, gardening and crafts. Isabelle was preceded in death by her parents, Willibald and Louisa; brothers Ray and Sylvester Budig; sisters, Rose Budig, Hilda Rohlf, Evelyn Langer, and Marie Budig; and son-in-law, Steven Simmons. She is survived by her devoted husband, Walter; sons, Garrett (Judy) of Roseville, Dale (Kathleen) of Andover, Mark (Lisa) of Vail, AZ, and Cahil (Michelle) of Otsego; daughters Shirley Simmons of St. Louis Park, and Karin (John) Cooley of New York Mills; 18 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; brothers, Herbert (Donna) Budig of Owatonna, and Norbert (Geraldine) of Morris; and sister, Ruth (Dennis) Boehland of Rockford. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Donald Wagner as celebrant. Honorary pallbearers were Ryan Heltemes and Noah Minkler. Active pallbearers were Shawn Simmons, Brian Simmons, Chad Heltemes, Calvin Cooley, Jason

Cooley, Brent Cooley, and Daniel Heltemes. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery in Wadena.

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Walt, Gary & Judy, and all the Heltemes Family - My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very sad and difficult time. I had so many nice visits with Isabelle over the years when she and Walt would come to the lake in Vergas while we vacationed there. She was such a sweet and kind person; always a big smile on her face and wanting to know about our family. I'm thinking about all of you!*

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**JoAnn Brus** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Cahil we are sorry to hear about your bad news, you will be in our prayers!!!*

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**Carl Felty** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Cahil, I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my condolences.  
Dennis & Lori Ruess*

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**Dennis Ruess** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Cahil,*

*I'm sorry to hear about your loss. If there is anything that I can do, please let me know.*

*Your friend,  
Mike*

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**Mike Prather** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Isabelle Heltemes*

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**Jane Burkett** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *It is so sad to hear of Isabelle's death - she was like a mother to me in high school. She was a great lady. My condolences to all of the family, but especially to Karin. I am sure she is in a better place and you should take comfort in that. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you!*

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**Cathy Woods** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *Dear Cahil and family,*

*I am sorry to hear of the loss of your mother and I just wanted you to know that you are in my prayers at this time. Please remember all the good times and this will be how she lives on.*

*Sincerely,*

*Steve Lisak.*

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**Steve Lisak** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *Although this may be a little late, and we were not able to be with you, please accept our sincere sympathies for your loss. We remember all the wonderful family get-togethers when we vacationed in Minnesota every June. We shared the latest family news, fishing, cards and a meal to cap off the day. Our memories will remain as will yours. Thanks for everything, Isabelle. Rest in peace.*

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**Ervin & Joanne Heltemes & Family** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *My dearest Grandma,*

*You are in my prayers and thoughts. I am comforted by our many conversations about faith and heaven that you are in a good place and will meet God soon.*

*I dedicated my singing to you on Ash Wednesday hoping that you could hear my voice. I will always sing "On Eagles Wings" for Grandma. You who inspire me to triumph through any and all hardships.*

*God Bless your journey into the fields of heaven.*

*Your loving Granddaughter,*

*Laurie*

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**Laurie Heltemes Stansbury** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Dear Family,

*I love you all very much and I am very sorry that I can not be there with you at this sad time. I wish more than anything, that I could have been standing amongst you this Friday, giving hugs and saying goodbye to my beautiful Grandma. Like you, I will always keep Grandma very close to my heart. I feel very fortunate to have been one of her many grand children. I have the wonderful feeling knowing I was able to spend a beautiful day with her and Grandpa last September, watching the leaves fall. Grandpa, I am thinking of you and praying for you both.*

*I love you Grandma.*

*Love Kristy Alexis*

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**Kristy Heltemes** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *I only had the opportunity to know Isabelle for a short time but she was always so sweet. She was one of those people that I really looked forward to getting to visit with. I am sure she will be missed dearly by her children and Walter. Her entire family will be in my prayers.*

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**Sarah Weyer** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Walt, Gary & Judy and the entire Heltemes family, My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time. Keep those memories close as no one can take those away. I will always have great memories of Isabelle when her and Walt would come to the lake and visit. She was always happy and smiling-such a joy to be around. I was also lucky to have gotten to visit her & Walt while in Wadena at a BB tourney a few years back - again she made us all laugh and smile. Please know that we are all thinking of you.*

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**Jeri Erickson** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *Gary, Judy and family,*

*We are sorry to have lost touch with you for a time but want you to know you are in our thoughts as you go through this sad time. I remember your Mom as a smiling lady who worked in Ben Franklin and Gregg remembers her as his good friends' mother. You must have many happy memories. You have our heartfelt sympathy.*

*Love, Gregg and Wanda*

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**Gregg and Wanda Marquardt** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ *Grandma Heltemes was always a warm and loving person that I will miss greatly! I will always remember her smile and her grouse stew. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Grandma is with God now and I'm sure he is enjoying her company as much as I always did. With sincere loving memory, Tony Engle*

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**Tony Engle** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM