



Katherine Breuer

February 17, 1913 - March 30, 2009

Katherine Breuer was born on February 17, 1913 to parents William, Sr. and Katherine (Kupfer) Geiser in Bluffton, MN. She passed away on Monday, March 30, 2009, at the age of 96, at the Elders Home in New York Mills. Katherine was united in marriage with Raymond Barthel, Sr on October 6, 1931 until he passed away on November 15, 1969. It was on April 26 of 1975 that she was united in marriage with John Breuer until his death on June 6, 1977. She was a member of Christian Mothers and the Wadena VFW Auxiliary. She enjoyed bingo, gardening, quilting, dancing, and socializing. Katherine was preceded in death by her husbands, Raymond Barthel, Sr., and John Breuer; parents, William and Katherine; sons, William, Raymond, Jr., and Robert; brothers Leo, Richard, and Buck Geiser; sisters, Dee Dee Shearer, Gert Dykhoff, Laura Johnson, and Sylvia Roggenkamp; grandson, Todd Barthel; daughter-in-law, Gaye Barthel; and Gene Dickey. She is survived by sons, Jerry (Ardell) and Leo (Sandy) both of New York Mills, Dan (Linda) and John Barthel both of Bluffton; daughters, Betty (Wally) Lindelien of St. Louis Park, Cathy (Bob) Brasel of Andover, and Bonnie (Stephen) Roberts of Wadena; 30 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, and 15 great-great-grandchildren; and daughters-in-law, Luella "Pete" Dickey and Janice Barthel both of Wadena. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Thursday, April 2, 2009 in the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bluffton with Father Donald Wagner as celebrant. Pallbearers were Robert Barthel, Reed Barthel, Ryan Barthel, Jay Barthel, Michael Lindelien, Scott Barthel,

Randy Roberts, and John Barthel, Jr. Interment was in the St. John Catholic Cemetery in Bluffton.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ I will always remember going to see her since I was a little girl ,I never wanted her to die ,but she was not doing to good I knew it was going to happen. My dad said good storys of his memories of her. I'll always think of her as a good worker and a good mother, grandmother and a greatgrandma and a good friend and I'll always think of her and never forget her. Madison Barthel

madison barthel - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ I hope Girlie is at peace and dancing in heaven with the angels.Our thoughts are with you all.

Annette and Dan Siegel and Girls - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Bluffton will never be the same without Girlie! We all grew up going to Girlie's Bar.
It was always such a pleasure to visit with Girlie at the Elder's Home when visiting with Mom.
My deepest sympathy to the family. Know that Girlie touched many lives and was loved by all.

Sue Theisen - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ I will always remember going to Bluffton and visiting when I was a kid. Grandma Girlie would always tell me stories about grandpa John.. I also have memories of Darin and Johnny and I over at her house during the bluffton bizzar..I will always keep her close in my heart.

Tiffini - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Bonnie, Im thinking of you today. Our prayers are with you and your family. with sympathy, TG

Terri Grinager - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Dan and family, we love you all very much, we are sorry for your loss. Jan

Jan Vanderslice - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Our thoughts and prayer go out to you and all your families. Girlie lived quite the legacy in Bluffton, and her name will always bring me a smile. She was a wonderful lady!

Anita & Mike Hietpas & boys - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Girlie will be remembered by many. Her witty personality was always enjoyed. It is hard to believe this is the last of the Geiser siblings from that generation. She will be missed, but also remembered.

Terry and Donna Geiser - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

C(

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I have many memeories of Girlie and growing up in Bluffton that I will always treasure.

Connie Dalton

Connie Dalton (Wallgren) - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ TODAY I READ MADISON'S TRIBUTE TO GRANDMA AND HEARD THE LITTLE GIRL IN ME SAY THE VERY SAME THINGS. EVERY SUMMER I WOULD RUSH UP TO BLUFFTON TO BE WITH HER. I ADORED HER FOR SHE WAS MY IDOL, MY MENTOR. SHE REPRESENTED THE WOMAN THAT EVERY YOUNG GIRL WOULD WANT TO BE. SHE WAS THE LAST OF THE FRONTIER WOMEN. SHE WAS STRONG, SHE WAS SMART, SHE WAS TALENTED, AND VERY INDEPENDENT. SHE HAD VERY LITTLE, BUT TO HER SHE HAD A LOT. I ONCE TOLD HER THAT SHE WAS OUR ROSE KENNEDY BECAUSE SHE WATCHED OVER US ALL AND MADE THINGS BEARABLE DURING OUR SAD TIMES EVEN THOUGH FOR HER, PRIVATELY HER HEART MUST HAVE BEEN BREAKING. SHE WAS A SURVIVOR AND NEVER LOST HER FAITH IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, FAMILY, AND PEOPLE IN GENERAL. SHE LOVED US UNCONDITIONALLY AND WE LOVE HER BACK. MADISON, GRANDMA'S LAST YEARS WERE NOT IN VEIN. HER JOURNEY THROUGH BLINDNESS AND DEMENTIA HAD ITS PURPOSE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT PURPOSE WAS BUT I COULD ONLY ASSUME THAT MAYBE IT WAS MEANT TO BRING THE FAMILY CLOSER TOGETHER OR MORE IMPORTANTLY TO THINK ABOUT 'HER'. TO ONCE IN A WHILE DREAM ABOUT HER, TO INCLUDE HER IN OUR PRAYERS, OR JUST TO GO BACK THROUGH OUR MEMORIES OF HER AND KNOW THAT THEY WERE VERY SPECIAL. I HAVE BUNCHES THAT I CAN SHARE WITH YOU. THE LONG JOURNEY OF MOURNING HER LOST IS OVER. WE MUST NOW CELEBRATE HER LIFE. HER BODY MAY BE GONE BUT SHE IS A PART OF EACH OF US. I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU GRANDMA. ALL MY LOVE, JANE!

jane lindelien - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Our prayers are with you.*

Love, Barbara

Barbara Pierce - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. She was always a good friend.*

Jeff Wallgren - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *Bluffton has lost its true matriarch, but we are all so much better for the way Girlie touched each of our lives. My deepest sympathy to all of the family.*

Vicki (Theisen) Chesney - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family.
She was just part of the history of Bluffton!*

Mary (Schwartz) Lunzer - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM