



Lucille Belch

November 9, 1942 - March 20, 2026

The memorial Mass for Lucille Belch of Sebeka will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 28, St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Jean-Claude Duncan as celebrant.

Visitation will be held at the church on Saturday, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with Prayers at 9:30 and a Rosary at 9:45 a.m. Visitation will continue until the time of the Mass. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

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View the Mass at:

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Lucille, age 83, passed away unexpectedly on March 20, 2026, at Essentia Health in Brainerd, MN.

Lucille "Lucy" was born to Alois and Clara (Buettner) Kempf on November 9, 1942, at Wesley Hospital in Wadena, MN. She attended country school district #18 and Sebeka High School where she graduated as Valedictorian with the Class of 1960. She continued her education and was employed as a secretary and accountant at Mason Brothers Wholesale in Wadena for over 40 years.

On September 1, 1962, Lucy married John "Jack" Belch at St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Bluegrass. They made their home in rural Sebeka where they raised their children. Most of all, the community will remember Lucy as a

dedicated and cheerful volunteer with the VFW Auxiliary, Wadena County Humane Society, 4-H dog training, and at St. Ann's Catholic Church. For 10 years she and Jack trained Leader Dogs for the Blind. She had a gift for socializing, and one favorite getaway was fishing in Canada.

Preceding Lucy in death were her husband, John (2023); parents, Alois and Clara; children D'Jauna Belch and Allen Belch; parents-in-law, Thomas and Alma (Zwack) Belch; and sister-in-law, Judy (Sliter) Kempf.

Surviving Lucy are her son, Terry (Mary Lou Solari) Belch of Waco, TX; grandchildren, Jonathan Belch, Justin (Liz) Belch, Steve (Tressa) Cullen, and Declan Cullen; great-grandchildren: Kiara, Kaitlynn, Kiela, Kenny (Nae) Silva, Evin, Emma, Aniah, and Siahna Silva; siblings, Leo (Sharon) Kempf of Wadena and Lois (Bernard) Schoon of Sebeka; along with a host of extended family, dear friends and trusty neighbors.

Honorary urn bearers will be Joseph Schoon and Miles Schoon. Serving as urn bearer will be Justin Belch.

Memorials in Lucy's name may be directed to Wadena County Humane Society (www.wadenacountyhumanesociety.org/donate), VFW Auxiliary (213 1st St SE, Wadena), St. Ann's Catholic Church (www.marysacc.org/give) or Leader Dogs for the Blind (donate.guidedogs.com).

In memory of our dedicated trainer and friend,

A Dog Sculpture and Plaque will be located at the Wadena County Humane Society's new facility, 910 Ash Ave NE.

Donations for the Lucille Belch Memorial may be dropped off at the Wadena State Bank (main office) at 304 1st St SE

or mailed to Wadena State Bank

PO Box 191 Wadena, MN 56482

Questions: Contact Abby at 218-639-2177

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Prayers

MAR 28. 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

St. Ann Catholic Church
514 1st St SE
Wadena, MN 56482-1803
(218) 631-1593

Visitation

MAR 28. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann Catholic Church
514 1st St SE
Wadena, MN 56482-1803
(218) 631-1593

Burial

MAR 28. 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

MAR 28. 11:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Brad Macklem lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Brad Macklem - March 30 at 10:37 PM

DM

“ *Dixie Murray lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Dixie Murray - March 27 at 09:06 PM

JH

“ *Jane Hieb lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Jane Hieb - March 27 at 11:51 AM

LK

“ *We are so sorry for our loss..May she rest in Peace...She had a lot of heartache in her life and was so kind to everyone she met..especially with ALL the dogs she trained!*



Lee & Patty Kicker - March 27 at 11:41 AM

LK

“ *Lee & Patty Kicker lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Lee & Patty Kicker - March 27 at 11:33 AM

MS

“ *Mary, Richard, Kristen, Brian and Sarah purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lucille Belch.*



Mary, Richard, Kristen, Brian and Sarah - March 26 at 05:39 PM

TS

“ *Tony and Rhonda Snyder lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Tony and Rhonda Snyder - March 26 at 06:38 AM

AM

“ *Angi Moser lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Angi Moser - March 25 at 11:29 PM

LT

“ *Many memories working with Lucy at the VFW. Lucy & Jack were amazing people. God bless Lucy. RIP Lucy!* ”

Les Thorstenson - March 25 at 09:23 PM

TF

“ *The Stallings family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Lucille Belch.* ”



The Stallings family - March 25 at 06:18 PM

TF

“ *The Stallings family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lucille Belch.* ”

The Stallings family - March 25 at 06:18 PM

KP

“ *Krista Potter lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch* ”



Krista Potter - March 25 at 04:47 PM

KP

“ *Karen Priebe lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Karen Priebe - March 25 at 02:12 PM

LM

“ *Lois Miller lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Lois Miller - March 25 at 10:48 AM

RB

“ *Ron Buettner purchased the Simply Elegant Spatiphyllum for the family of Lucille Belch.*



Ron Buettner - March 25 at 10:35 AM

RB

“ *Ron Buettner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lucille Belch.*

Ron Buettner - March 25 at 10:35 AM

CE

“ *Cheri and Dean Endres lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Cheri and Dean Endres - March 25 at 10:05 AM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Lucille Belch.*



March 24 at 11:23 PM

TW

“ *Troy & Becky Wangsness lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Troy & Becky Wangsness - March 24 at 09:00 PM



“ *RIP Lucille. Your work on earth is done. You were such a fantastic trainer for so many dogs and your work at the VFW was greatly appreciated. Not many can put a candle to you. Rest easy.*

Lynne Piepkorn - March 24 at 07:56 PM

GW

“ *Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Glen Donna Wood - March 24 at 06:38 PM

JB

“ *John and Anita Beringer lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



John and Anita Beringer - March 24 at 05:24 PM

HW

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Lucille, a kind, caring and talented person. Lucille and her accordion will make beautiful music in Heaven!
My thoughts, prayers and condolences to the family and to Lois & Leo.*



Harlan Weniger - March 24 at 01:59 PM

HW

“ *Harlan Weniger lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Harlan Weniger - March 24 at 01:49 PM

MW

“ As a child, I remember going to Clara and Louie's (her parents' home) and Lucille helped her mom prepare the meal. She was always so pleasant to be around. She was a generous and helpful person and she will be missed. With sincere condolences to the family.



Martin and Marilyn Weniger - March 24 at 11:52 AM

DS

“ Dave Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch



Dave Schumacher - March 24 at 11:10 AM

LS

“ Lea and Mike Snyder lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch



Lea and Mike Snyder - March 24 at 09:54 AM

SJ

“ Our Deepest Sympathy's to Lucille family.



Scott and Vicki Jahnke - March 24 at 09:28 AM

SF

“ Condolences and prayers for the entire family.



Sharon Folkestad - March 24 at 12:45 AM

NJ

“ Lucille was one of the strongest people I know. She endured so much throughout her life, but her faith in God never wavered. She continued to move forward in life and helped so many of us through grief, as she worked through her own with such grace. We all benefited from her work with 4-H and the dog projects. She was such a giver, it's now her time to receive. May your reunion with your family in heaven be joyful. ❤️❤️🙏 we will Miss you😭

Nancy Johnson - March 23 at 09:13 PM

LJ

“ Condolences to Lucille's family.



Lee and Helen James - March 23 at 08:17 PM

BT

“ So sorry to hear of Lucille's passing. My sympathy to all of her family. She will be missed by many. What an impact she had with her life - she helped wherever she could. God bless.

Barbara Thoennes - March 23 at 05:27 PM

BT

“ *Barbara Thoennes lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Barbara Thoennes - March 23 at 05:21 PM

TF

“ *Lucille will be missed by many. My sincere condolences to the family, may she rest in eternal peace*

Teckla Fitzgerald - March 23 at 03:23 PM

BE

“ *Bonnie Evans lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Bonnie Evans - March 23 at 02:59 PM

LL

“ *Lyle & Cindy Goeden lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Lyle & Cindy Goeden Lrg - March 23 at 01:25 PM

MM

“ *Marjorie Mohs-Harrison lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Marjorie Mohs-Harrison - March 23 at 12:29 PM

MM

“ *I bowled with Lucille for many years. She was a great friend. Marge Mohs-Harrison*

Marjorie Mohs-Harrison - March 23 at 12:24 PM

JK

“ *Jim and Victoria Klinnert lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Jim and Victoria Klinnert - March 23 at 11:01 AM

JH

“ *Jay Hutson lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Jay Hutson - March 23 at 10:45 AM

SR

“ Lucille was the most patient person I have ever met. She spent hours with dogs and kids every week at 4-H and community dog events/classes. She and Jack will be chasing dogs in heaven!

Shannon and Dan Riggle - March 23 at 09:36 AM

SR

“ Steve and Kathy Richter lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch



Steve and Kathy Richter - March 23 at 09:10 AM

LW

“ Lucille was an amazing woman and gave so much of her life and love for the dog projects in the area. She was just a giving and warm person who was always willing to give of her time and talents! We will greatly miss her!!!



Lisa Wegscheid - March 23 at 07:28 AM

RH

“ So sorry to hear about Lucy. Such a dear person! Condolences to her family.



Renee and Jim Hegarty - March 23 at 06:53 AM

DA

“ Earth lost a wonderful, inspiring human being. God bless our cherished memories of Lucille & bring comfort 🙏🐾🐾



Di Schiller Anderson - March 23 at 03:37 AM

MH

“ Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch



Marladene Heinen - March 22 at 09:57 PM

DB

“ I first met Lucille when I was a young 4-Her participating in the dog project, and she was a judge, 30 years ago. I always looked forward to seeing Lucille judge at various county, regional, and state dog shows because of how supportive she was to the kids who entered her rings. She had all the time in the world to give helpful tips and advice.

Thank you Lucille, for giving so much time to the 4-H Dog Project and countless 4-Hers who have had the honor to know you over many, many years.

Dorie Barnes - March 22 at 09:53 PM

EF

“ *Esther and Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Esther and Alan Freitag - March 22 at 09:21 PM

DA

“ *To my sweet first cousin-what beautiful memories you leave for everyone. My deepest sympathy to your family and prayers for all! Rest in peace Lucille!*



Debbie Anderson - March 22 at 09:09 PM

VK

“ *Vern and Jean Kemper lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch.*



Vern Kemper - March 22 at 07:55 PM

GK

“ *George and Terri Kramer lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



George and Terri Kramer - March 22 at 07:25 PM

DD

“ *Sending prayers for all of Lucy's family*

Debra Dague - March 22 at 07:03 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Donna Haman lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Bob & Donna Haman - March 22 at 06:06 PM

DH

“ *Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Darrell & Peggy Haman - March 22 at 05:17 PM

JS

“ *Julie Swenson lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Julie Swenson - March 22 at 05:15 PM

SB

“ Sharon Boline lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch



Sharon Boline - March 22 at 02:47 PM

GC

“ Gladys Chase lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch



Gladys Chase - March 22 at 01:51 PM

MF

“ My sympathy to Lucille’s family~~~Marie



Marie Fraune - March 22 at 01:45 PM

GC

“ Have known Lucy for over 60 years. I enjoyed our visits and i admired her for all she did. I will miss her a lot



Gladys Chase - March 22 at 01:35 PM

IB

“ *she was a great lady.*”



Irene Baron - March 22 at 11:11 AM

RS

“ *Lucille helped our kids through 4-H dog training. Our youngest continues to help with the project. When we get a puppy we obedience train it. Thanks Lucille for the time you spent on dogs.*”

Ray and Cheryl Seibert - March 22 at 10:54 AM

KM

“ *I've known Lucy for a number of years. Such a beautiful, personable lady. Smart, active, always fun to chat with and brighten ones day. My sincere heartfelt sympathy to the whole family. She will be missed by many.*”



KarenThomson Munson - March 22 at 09:01 AM

JJ

“ *Jon and Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*”



Jon and Patty Johnson - March 22 at 08:56 AM

PD

“ *Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Patty Desrocher - March 22 at 08:17 AM

JE

“ *Judy Erdahl lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Judy Erdahl - March 21 at 11:02 PM

BS

“ *Bruce and Trish Steinkopf lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Bruce and Trish Steinkopf - March 21 at 09:07 PM

LY

“ *Lucy was such a beautiful soul. So helpful to all of us and of course to her puppy life. She is now in Gods house reunited with Jack. Rest in Peace Lucy.*



Linda Youngbauer - March 21 at 08:32 PM

DK

“ *Dan Kern lit a candle in memory of Lucille Belch*



Dan Kern - March 21 at 08:20 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to Lucille's family. Lucille will be missed by many, her shoes will be hard to fill. May God grant her rest.*



Rocky Reese - March 21 at 08:02 PM