



Mary "Betty" Neels

September 28, 1934 - July 30, 2023

The memorial prayer service celebrating the life of Mary "Betty" Neels of Wadena, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August, 8, 2023, at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena. A gathering of family and friends will be held at the chapel in Wadena on Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service.

Mary, age 88, passed away on July 30, 2023, at Fair Oaks Lodge, Wadena, MN.

Mary Elizabeth "Betty" was born on September 28, 1934. At the age of 6, she was adopted by Genevieve Kelly of Walhalla, ND. Later, Genevieve and Walter Schill were married. Betty attended country school and the family moved to Wadena, MN in February 1952.

On March 30, 1964, Mary was united in marriage with Lawrence Neels at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena. They were blessed with two children, Nanette and Ricky and made their home in the Wadena and New York Mills areas. As a homemaker, Mary enjoyed baking, cooking and washing dishes. She cared for her cats and loved spending time with her family.

Preceding Mary in death were her husband, Lawrence; daughter, Nanette; parents, Walter and Genevieve; and brother, Charles Schill.

Remembering Betty will be her son, Ricky (Christine Sidenkrantz) Neels of New York Mills; sister, Helen Allee; sister-in-law Sandy Schill; along with numerous friends.

Mary's family sincerely thanks the staff of Fair Oaks Lodge Nursing Home in Wadena where she was cared for with kindness and gentleness.

Mary will be laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

AUG 8. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Private Services

AUG 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ sorry For your loss. I was going to make the funeral but am not feeling well myself so don't want to make anyone else ill. Will be thinking about you.

suzzy harper - August 08, 2023 at 01:47 PM

MS

“ Mike Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Mary "Betty" Neels



Mike and Lea Snyder - August 02, 2023 at 08:58 PM

HA

“ Helen Allee lit a candle in memory of Mary "Betty" Neels



Helen Allee - August 02, 2023 at 11:57 AM

MT

“ Ricky and Christine, I am so sorry for your loss! Mary Tumberg

Mary Tumberg - July 31, 2023 at 08:50 AM

JT

Sorry to hear of your mom's passing. We both have many fond memories of her, with visits and cups of coffee, during birthday celebrations and at Christmas! Andy and Janet

Janet Tumberg - July 31, 2023 at 11:09 PM

HA

Ricky and Christine, sorry that you lost your mother, but at least she is now at peace and no longer in pain. Bet she is looking down on you and sending all her love to you. She was the only sister I had, but glad that I had her in my life as long as I did.

Helen Allee - August 02, 2023 at 11:57 AM

RD

Ricky and Christine,so sorry for your loss. ROXY AND Frank Doehling

ROXY DOEHLING - August 03, 2023 at 03:14 PM

PA

Mary was a beautiful lady with the sweetest personality loved by us all. We sure miss her at Fair Oaks Lodge.

POLLY ANDERSON - August 09, 2023 at 03:03 AM

JB

I had the pleasure of visiting with Mary "Betty" on a few occasions at Fair Oaks Lodge. She was a lovely lady. I really liked her haircut and the twinkle in her eyes.

Joyce Boyne - August 09, 2023 at 11:53 AM