



Mary Brown

May 9, 1926 - October 21, 2023

The Mass of Christian Burial for Mary (Gaida) Brown of Wadena, will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m on Monday October 30, at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father Gabriel Walz as celebrant. Visitation will be held at the church on Monday beginning at 12:30 p.m. with a Rosary at 12:45, and visitation continuing until the time of the Mass.

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You may view the Mary Brown Funeral Mass by going to our Facebook page, search Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services Facebook

Mary ended her earthly journey on October 21, 2023, at the age of 97 years.

Mary was born in Browerville, MN to join John and Elizabeth (Sobota) Gaida on May 9, 1926. She attended the College of St. Benedict and graduated from St. Cloud State University with a major in education. She married Vincent Brown in 1950.

As a teacher for many years in the Wadena School District, Mary taught kindergarten and second grade. She also took time to be a substitute teacher at St. Ann's Catholic School. She was an active member of the Wadena Education and Minnesota Education Associations. She retired from teaching in 1991 to pursue her other interests of baking, reading, quilting and world travel. Mary's travels took her to the Holy Land, New Zealand, Australia,

Norway, Sweden, Germany, and her favorite country, Poland.

Mary was a devout Catholic and made certain she prayed the rosary each day with special intentions for family and friends.

Mary remarked that her greatest accomplishment was her family. She is survived by her children, Barb (Dan) Bakke, Frances (John) Povolny, Greg (Kathy) Brown, Steve (Ann) Brown, and John Brown; 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; along with many relatives, friends, and former students.

Preceding Mary in death were her husband, Vincent Brown; parents, John and Elizabeth Gaida; and sister, Joan Schmitz.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Wadena, MN.

The family would like to thank the staff of The Meadows of Wadena and Knute Nelson Hospice for their loving care of Mary.

Memorials in Mary's name may be directed to Christ the King Catholic School, Browerville, MN and the Church of St. Ann, Wadena, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

OCT **30**. 12:45 PM (CT)

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

## Service

OCT **30**. 2:00 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 Mary Brown



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - October 26, 2023 at 10:07 AM

BP

“ Barry Sandi Pratt lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown



Barry & Sandi Pratt - December 07, 2023 at 01:22 PM

RS

“ Rosalie Schmith lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown



Rosalie Milbradt Schmith - November 13, 2023 at 07:30 AM

MS

“ Mary was a dedicated teacher and member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She served as chapter president and was a mentor and friend to many teachers throughout her life. She will be sadly missed.

mary Snorek - October 30, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Brown.



October 29, 2023 at 09:44 PM

TT

“ The Base Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Brown.



The Base Team - October 29, 2023 at 06:16 PM

RF

“ Rogers Hockey Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Brown.



Rogers Hockey Family - October 29, 2023 at 06:11 PM

RF

“ Rogers Hockey Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Brown.

Rogers Hockey Family - October 29, 2023 at 06:11 PM

CO

“ Carol Osborn lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown



Carol Osborn - October 28, 2023 at 08:31 AM

GS

“ I never met Mary Brown but I work with her son John and appreciate the close relationship he had with her and what he refers to as "the good old days" while growing up in her care. Reading about her I appreciate and respect her many decades of teaching Kindergarten and the positive influence she had on her students. She was the same generation as my own mother and so I can relate to the same good experiences and memories.

Gregory Schwartzwalter - October 27, 2023 at 11:56 AM



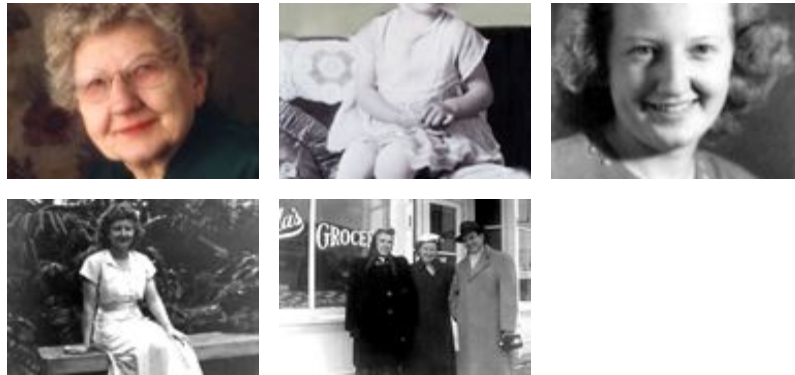
“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Brown.



October 26, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ 31 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - October 26, 2023 at 10:07 AM

AH

“ Mary was such a sweet kind soul...she sat with our 97 year old Dad at lunch and dinner at The Meadows. Dad passed away 2 months ago...now they will meet again in heaven. I'm so sorry to all the family.

Anita (Theisen) Hietpas - October 25, 2023 at 10:27 PM

P-

“ She was such a beautiful woman she was a very loving person with kind words I have known her since I was a young child and she was always the same forever in my heart ❤️



Polly Anderson -kern - - October 25, 2023 at 06:50 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Brown.*



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October 25, 2023 at 05:20 PM



“ *Jim Barb Sundby lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



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**Jim & Barb Sundby** - October 25, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ *Mary was the best kindergarten teacher a girl could ask for! She was one of a kind! I only wish I would of visited her more. My heart goes out to her family.*



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**Kim Wynn** - October 25, 2023 at 01:41 PM



“ *Audrey Good lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



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**Audrey Good** - October 25, 2023 at 01:35 PM

TZ

“ *Tanya Zerr lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



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**Tanya Zerr** - October 25, 2023 at 12:15 AM

MM

“ *Mary Malone lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



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**Mary Malone** - October 24, 2023 at 10:49 PM

DA

“ *Diane Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



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**Diane Schiller Anderson** - October 24, 2023 at 09:33 PM

CC

“ *Mary was my kindergarten teacher, and later in life, my PEO Sister. She was such a special lady. Please accept my condolences.*

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**Cindy Carew** - October 24, 2023 at 08:54 PM

DA

“ *Deb Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



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**Deb Andrews** - October 24, 2023 at 05:28 PM

TK

“ *Terri George Kramer lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



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**Terri and George Kramer** - October 24, 2023 at 04:21 PM

TB

“ *Tom & Joan Brauch lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



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**Tom and Joan Brauch** - October 24, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Brown.*

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October 24, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Brown.* ”



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October 24, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ *Lynda & Dave Wosmek lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown* ”



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**Lynda & Dave Wosmek** - October 24, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Mary touched the lives of SO many. She will be dearly missed!* ”



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**Patti** - October 23, 2023 at 11:52 PM



“ *Judy Erdahl lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown* ”



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**Judy Erdahl** - October 23, 2023 at 11:27 PM

JA

“ *Judy & Emilie Arnold lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



Judy Erdahl & Emilie Arnold - October 23, 2023 at 11:26 PM

TA

“ *Many great memories of Mary in the neighborhood! Barb, Fran, Greg, Steve, and John my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Love Teresa Askew*

Teresa Askew - October 23, 2023 at 09:51 PM

SL

“ *Heaven is smiling big today, they are welcoming Mary with open arms. She touched so many lives, most importantly all of us who attended kindergarten in her class. God bless her family during this time. Love and hugs ❤️*



Sher Linnes - October 23, 2023 at 08:54 PM

MF

“ *Mary left a legacy of teaching. She loved her job and all her students. She was one special lady. She will be missed. ~~~Marie*



Marie Fraune - October 23, 2023 at 07:35 PM

SS

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family of Mary.  
She touched so many lives, including mine.  
I will miss you, Mary.*



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**Shelley Speed** - October 23, 2023 at 06:09 PM

SJ

“ *The Don Quincer Family sends condolences to the family of Mary with deepest sympathy for your loss.*

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**Sara Jo(Quincer)Christianson** - October 23, 2023 at 03:45 PM

MH

“ *Marjorie Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



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**Marjorie Mohs Harrison** - October 23, 2023 at 02:14 PM

PE

“ *Peter & Margaret VanErp lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



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**Peter & Margaret Van Erp** - October 23, 2023 at 01:35 PM

MM

“ *How fortunate to have had your mother, all these years and the many wonderful memories.*  
*Mike & Sallie Mahlen*



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**Mike & Sallie Mahlen** - October 23, 2023 at 01:13 PM

SB

“ *Sharon Boline lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



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**Sharon boline** - October 23, 2023 at 12:00 PM

RJ

“ *Mary lived a long and fulfilling life. Her mind was so good to the last. She remembered everyone. She enjoyed many years of traveling on tour buses after she retired. I traveled to Lourdes and Fatima with her one year and really got to know her on that trip. Now you can rest in peace, Mary. You will be missed!!*

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**Rose Johnson** - October 23, 2023 at 10:28 AM

DM

“ *Dixie Murray lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



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**Dixie Murray** - October 23, 2023 at 08:39 AM

EL

“ *Rest in peace sweet Mary*



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**Elaine Lorentz** - October 23, 2023 at 08:03 AM

PJ

“ *Pam Jenson lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



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**Pam Jenson** - October 23, 2023 at 07:58 AM

TM

“ *Teresa Manselle lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



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**Teresa Manselle** - October 23, 2023 at 07:12 AM

SO

“ *Mary was my kindergarten teacher a awesome lady. Sending prayers and hugs to her family*



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**Sharyl Olson** - October 23, 2023 at 06:49 AM



“ *Mrs. Brown was my kindergarten teacher. Back in 1972 I remember her all the time I'd see her Up Town through all the years. Whenever I'd run into her and say hi to her and she always remembered me made me feel really good. Do you all have my condolences for her. She was a awesome lady.*

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**Scott Kern** - October 22, 2023 at 10:22 PM



“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



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**Marladene Heinen** - October 22, 2023 at 09:07 PM



“ *Jane Erckenbrack lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



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**Jane Erckenbrack** - October 22, 2023 at 08:55 PM



“ *Jim TeVogt lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



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**Jim TeVogt** - October 22, 2023 at 08:32 PM

PH

“ *Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



Peggy Haman - October 22, 2023 at 08:25 PM

JB

“ *Joyce Boyne lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



Joyce Boyne - October 22, 2023 at 07:32 PM

LM

“ *My sympathies to Mary's family*

Lois Christine Miller - October 22, 2023 at 06:34 PM

LW

“ *Lynda Wosmek lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



Lynda Wosmek - October 22, 2023 at 06:23 PM

SA

“ *My favorite elementary school teacher!!! So sad to hear. My prayers go out to her family.*



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**Stephanie Anderson** - October 22, 2023 at 06:22 PM

JJ

“ *Jon & Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown*



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**Jon & Patty Johnson** - October 22, 2023 at 04:05 PM