



## Mary Pratt

January 1, 1940 - August 14, 2007

Mary Del (Brunko) Pratt, 67 of Porter, TX formerly of Hewitt, MN died Tues, August 14, 2007 at St. John's Hospital in Clearlake, TX. She was born January 3, 1940 in Wadena, MN, the daughter of Carl and Mary (Kern) Brunko. She grew up in Hewitt, MN. Went to country school in Hewitt and graduated from Bertha-Hewitt High School in 1957. On March 21, 1959, she was united in marriage to Homer "Jim" Pratt in the Hewitt Methodist Church. They resided in various towns in the U.S. because Jim was an Air Force career man. They were blessed with a son, Bradley Pratt, in 1961. She was active in her church community at the Friendship Methodist Church in Porter, TX and had a strong faith. She enjoyed volunteering to work in the Food Pantry at her church. She loved to do scrap booking, knit wash cloths for family and friends, travel and canning of salsa and jellies. She liked flowers and working in their front yard. She loved shopping with her daughter-in-law Elvia and spending time with their grandchildren Blake and Bela. While living in Texas Mary Del worked at Dillard's and when they lived in Wadena in the 60's she worked at Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative. The funeral will be held at the Wadena United Methodist Church with Rev. Larry Hager officiating on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at 11:00 AM. Visitation will be one hour before the services at the church. Pallbearers will be Jason Brunko, Brian Cooper, Eric Frankhouser, Jose Marquez, Barry Pratt, Larry Uselman, Sean Uselman and Chuck Wegner. There also was a viewal in Porter, TX on August 17 at the funeral home and a memorial service at the Friendship Methodist Church in

Porter, TX on August 18, 2007. Survivors include her husband Homer "Jim" Pratt of Porter, TX; son Bradley (Elvia) Pratt of Humble, TX; brother Charles (Ginny) Brunko of Fergus Falls, MN; two grandchildren Isabela and Blake Pratt of Humble, TX; sister-in-laws Joyce (Larry) Uselman, Wadena, MN; Marilee (Chuck) Wegner, Bertha, MN; Dara (Jason) Turner, Clovis, New Mexico; and brother-in-law Barry (Sandra) Pratt, Wadena, MN; and many more relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her father Carl Brunko, mother Mary Brunko, Burial will be in the Wadena cemetery. The Mary Del Pratt family want to thank you for honoring her by your presence at her funeral and celebrating her life.

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ I will always remember Mary Del as the most caring sister-in-law. When she would come to Minnesota to visit, she made you feel very special. All the neices and nephews would line up to get a hug from her and she knew how to hug. She would always bring us all her creative knit wash cloths and her homemade salsa which we all looked forward to receiving. I will now have to treasure those wash cloths. She was so proud of her son Brad and daughter-in-law Elvia and those grand kids Blake and Bela. We always liked getting her e-mails with pictures of the grand kids. Mary Del had a strong faith. Surely will miss her. May the Lord watch over you Jim, Brad, Elvia, Blake and Bela and may you always keep your memories of Mary Del in your hearts and minds. I know I will and I will never forget her. Love ya, Sandi

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**Sandi Pratt** - August 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ to my dearest friend, Mary... you made such a wonderful time in my life when we became friends..you taught me so much about everything you had learned in life...you made me a better person...I tried to do everything the way you did it...thanks for being with me when I lost my family and the way you prayed and cried with me...also for the joy and laughter you brought me..I will never forget you and our time together..wait for me because we will be with the Lord together someday.. love, jan

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**Janice Higginbotham** - August 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ We will always remember Mary as a loving, giving and caring friend. She made the most of everyday with her industrious and productive activities. She opened her heart, home and arms with such genuine warmth. She and Jim always made you feel so comfortable and welcome. She was blessed with a creative talent, knitting, sewing, cooking baking, crafts, holiday decorating. Elvia, Blake and Bela, you brought a whole new dimension to her being. Brad, you pleased her so. You are in our prayers and daily thoughts of happy times she created. May her legacy live on forever. With love, Gina and family

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**Gina Rowsey** - August 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Jim, Barry, Joyce, Marilee, Dara - it's been so long since I have put those names all together. I feel so sad for your loss, Jim. Always your mom had to update me on where you and Mary Del lived. And up to date with pictures of her grandkids.

*With love comes sorrow and strength*

*Our memories to you and your family.*

*Bob and Sandy*

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**Sandy (Tangen) Bergman** - August 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Dear Jim, Brad and Elvia,

*I am so sad to hear about Mary Del. I have fond memories of her throughout my whole life. She was always so kind to us Rentz kids and gave such warm, tight hugs. We will miss her too. Take care of yourselves. Love, Dilly*

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**Adele Rentz** - August 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ Dear Jim and family,  
I want to express my deepest sympathy to you all. I just can't believe that we were together just a few weeks ago. I think Mary Del was a real trooper to attend both the Fri & Sat night events. Brad, your mom was so very proud of your children. She always had pictures of them when we were together. She will be missed by so many people. I will never forget the hug she gave me on that Saturday night of the 50th class reunion and said good-by.  
Love to you all,  
Ellen

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Ellen Dalen - August 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Dear Jim and family:  
We are very sorry to hear of Mary Del's sudden passing. We are not able to make it to the funeral, but you will be in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.  
Please accept our sincere sympathy.

Ron and Denise

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Ron and Denise Hukriede - August 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ My prayers and deepest sympathy is with all of you. I just cherish the times we have been able to spend together over the years. Our friendship started in Sunday School, then we sat together everyday for many years on the school bus. Again we spent many hours together in Wadena when our husbands were serving with the military. Coffee every day, but only after the mail come so we could see if we had letters from our husbands. Then we would let the children play and we would sew or in the evenings play card games. Even though many miles separated us many times, we always remained best of friends. Again, my prayers are with you.

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**Marilyn Bower Peterson** - August 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM