



Mary Elizabeth Ward

September 24, 1930 - October 27, 2015

The funeral service for Mary Elizabeth Ward of Bertha will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2015, at the New Life Church of God in Bertha, with Pastors Jason Knoll and Mark Brown presiding. Visitation will be held at the church on Saturday from 12:30 p.m. until the time of service. Surrounded by her family, Mary passed away on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, at the age of 85, in her home at Bertha, MN. Lakewood Hospice Services provided gentle care and guidance.

Mary was born to John and Jennie (Opsal) Whetham on September 24, 1930, in Box Elder, MT. After graduating from high school, Mary was united in marriage with Dwight Ward in October 16, 1948 at the United Methodist Church in Clarissa, MN. She became his helpmate and companion as they raised their family. Her days were filled with flower and vegetable gardening, canning, cooking, baking, bird-watching, playing games and working crossword puzzles. She was talented at welcoming her family and friends to get-togethers and making Christmas special for everyone. Mary served as a Sunday School teacher, on the church Benevolence Committee, and was a member of the Modern Pioneer Club, the Sr. Citizen Center, and an active member at New Life Church of God.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents John and Jennie; brothers Maurice, John and Clarence Whetham; and sisters Grace Clawiter, Alberta

Garnett, Florence Cross and Jeanette Cline.

She is survived by her husband Dwight of Bertha; son Gene (Karie) Ward of Avon; daughter Connie (Gary) Dickinson of Clarissa; five grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren; along with a host of friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be Mary's great-grandchildren and nieces & nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ryan Ward, Shawn Ward, Justin Dickinson, Wade Dickinson, Kali Pachan and Nathan Pachan.

Burial will be in Zion Cemetery, Bertha, MN.

The family suggests memorials go to the New Life Church of God, Bertha, MN.

Cemetery Details

Zion Cemetery

43815 County Road 1
Bertha, MN 56437

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **31**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

New Life Church of God
401 Main St. - West
Bertha, MN 56437

Service

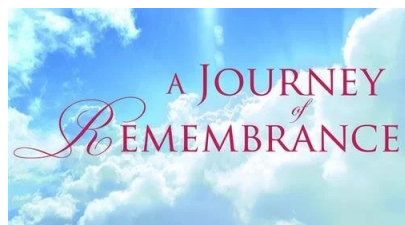
OCT **31**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

New Life Church of God
401 Main St. - West
Bertha, MN 56437

Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Elizabeth Ward



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - October 29, 2015 at 01:55 PM

ST

Love the music - most appropriate for a joyful woman. May she rest in peace.

Susan & Dennis Thiel - October 30, 2015 at 12:44 PM

DL

To the family of Mary Ward. She will be greatly missed by all. Such a wonderful person and great cook. I will miss visting with her as I come back to Mn. Always had a great time when I was younger. Will miss you Mary. May you rest in peace

Denny Lorenz - October 30, 2015 at 08:10 PM

MM

“ *In remembrance of a dear sweet friend. As we grieve with the family we also rejoice with Mary as she celebrates a new and eternal start. She is the definition of a lady and we will miss her dearly. She showed love to strangers in a foreign land and loved our children unconditionally. She showed hospitality to countless others. She truly loved her neighbor. The Mickler's*



Marc and Lisa Mickler - November 02, 2015 at 08:33 AM

KC

“ *Kathy (Hoemberg) Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Ward*



Kathy (Hoemberg) Coleman - November 01, 2015 at 07:07 PM

JA

“ *Dwight, Connie and Gene,
I'm so sorry that you've lost Mary. I wanted to get up to Bertha for her services so bad, and planned on going up. But my stomach didn't agree with my idea, and I spent most of the day not feeling well. Same for today, but I'll get over it. I had a nice conversation Mary a few weeks ago. We used to talk once in awhile. You'll have lots of good memories.
Jeanne Arvidson*

jeanne arvidson - November 01, 2015 at 10:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Ward.*



October 30, 2015 at 11:34 AM

BD

“ Bob And Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Ward



Bob and Kathy Derby - October 29, 2015 at 10:11 PM

GD

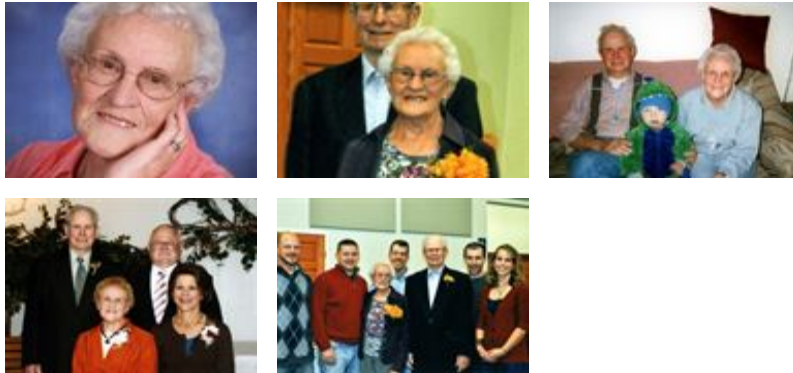
“ It's been a long time since I seen my Great Aunt Mary, well over 25 years. I just wish I would have been able to see you one last time. So you could have left a lasting impression on my kids like you did on me. My best times were on the farm, playing in the hay mow, not trying to spook the BULL!!!!!!! OOOOOOOOOPPPPPSSSSSSS!!!!!!! Love and miss you already. Guy Donahue



Guy W. Donahue - October 29, 2015 at 09:59 PM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - October 29, 2015 at 01:48 PM

DW

“ *Deb Ward lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Ward*



Deb Ward - October 29, 2015 at 08:25 AM

LY

“ *Lori & Dave Yalch lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Ward*



Lori & Dave Yalch - October 29, 2015 at 07:36 AM

DV

“ *Mary we will miss you at the center and at Church you were a very good friend Bernie and Dorothy Voge*



Dorothy Voge - October 28, 2015 at 09:00 PM

IB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. She was a great lady. Irene and Jerry Baron*



Irene Baron - October 28, 2015 at 08:48 PM

RW

“ 4 files added to the album *Grandma Ward*



Ryan Ward - October 28, 2015 at 07:07 PM

HH

“ *Hallie Hanlon-Ward lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Ward*



Hallie Hanlon-Ward - October 28, 2015 at 07:03 PM

RW

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Ryan Ward - October 28, 2015 at 06:59 PM

RW

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Ryan Ward - October 28, 2015 at 06:59 PM

RW

“ Ryan Ward lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Ward



Ryan Ward - October 28, 2015 at 06:51 PM

RW

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories of my Grandma*



Ryan Ward - October 28, 2015 at 06:46 PM

RW

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Ryan Ward - October 28, 2015 at 06:44 PM

RC

“ Ronat Converse lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Ward



Ronat Converse - October 28, 2015 at 04:08 PM

RA

“ Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Ward



Rita Anderson - October 28, 2015 at 03:01 PM

MB

“ Mark And Barbara Brown lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Ward



Mark and Barbara Brown - October 28, 2015 at 02:32 PM

KL

“ Kim Lind lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Ward



Kim Lind - October 28, 2015 at 01:50 PM

GV

“ *Gordy And Vicki lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Ward*



Gordy and Vicki - October 28, 2015 at 05:49 AM

GK

“ *Gene & Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Ward*



Gene & Sandy Kapphahn - October 27, 2015 at 08:27 PM

RK

“ *Rhonda Kleinke lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Ward*



Rhonda Kleinke - October 27, 2015 at 08:12 PM

JP

“ *Judy And John Pokorney lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Ward*



judy and john pokorney - October 27, 2015 at 06:32 PM

JP

We will always remember her as a kind and loving aunt!

judy and john pokorney - October 27, 2015 at 06:33 PM

MR

Our Deepest Sympathy to the Ward Family. Aunt Mary was loving, kind, generous, and soft spoken. God received another special angel. Love you all, Maggie Cline Richter and husband Jeff Richter.

Maggie Richter - October 28, 2015 at 11:59 AM

CR

Thinking of all of the Ward Family since we heard of Aunt Mary's passing. We have fond memories of her beautiful smile & sweet spirit. We didn't get to visit often as the miles were many, but each time has special memories. You will be greatly missed by family & friends, but welcomed by those who have gone before you.

Ken & Charlotte (Whetham) Robinson

Charlotte Robinson - October 29, 2015 at 12:16 PM