



## Okle "Okie" Krause

June 11, 1925 - August 19, 2024

The Mass of Christian Burial for Okie Krause of Wadena and Ottertail, will be celebrated at 11:00 am. on Monday August 26, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Father Arlie Sowada as celebrant.

Visitation will be held at the church on Monday beginning at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until the time of the Mass. Interment will be Calvary Cemetery in Wadena, MN.

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[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9\\_jZx4o7kREPtz8aSI4tEw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9_jZx4o7kREPtz8aSI4tEw)

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On August 19, our beloved mother, Okie Krause said her goodbyes and, in the presence of her children and other family members, began her journey to heaven, where she will be reunited with her husband of nearly 62 years, Stuart J Krause. Mom had a complete life of 99 years, full of health and vigor, hard work, and love of her family. Always friendly, generous and caring for others, she touched the hearts of all those who came to know her.

Okle was born on June 11, 1925, in Hankinson North Dakota, the daughter of Warren and Okle (Umberhocker) Prall and welcomed by her sisters Aldice (Boen) and Ionzinetta (Casey). The family moved to Wadena, MN. where her father worked as Superintendent of the newly formed Wadena Light and Water Department in March of 1935. She graduated from Wadena High School in 1943 where she sang the featured song from the movie Casablanca, "As Time Goes By", as a soloist in her graduation ceremony. She moved to Oregon shortly after graduation along with her two sisters to support the war effort by working in the shipyards as a "burner", using an acetylene torch to cut 5-foot square pieces of metal, used in the construction of ships. We are proud that she was one of the many women who were unsung heroes during World War II, leaving their homes to perform dangerous jobs to support the war effort and to preserve our freedom.

After the war, Okie took a job at Krause Drug where she met the love of her life, Stuart J Krause "Stu", whom she married on July 6, 1946. They truly were inseparable, working long hours together at Krause Drug and enjoying years of family get-togethers and socializing with their many friends. They spent springtime walleye fishing in Otter Tail River, where Dad would clean the fish, Mom would take the bones out and prepare it, and the kids would do the eating. Beer batter walleye and potato salad were her specialties. They hunted grouse in the fall in the Huntersville State Forest and enjoyed having a small house and land they called "the farm" which they bought in 1973, and where they had a large garden and raised ducks and geese. They loved their time in the woods, especially in the fall, and took frequent long slow drives through the countryside. After retirement, they spent winters in Mesa, AZ living in Fountain of the Sun, where they golfed and Mom once shot a hole in one.

In 1994, they traded their place in the woods for a cabin on the Otter Tail River. Here they cherished their time with family and friends, enjoying the

songbirds, the flow of the river, and sitting on the porch. Those passing in boats may have noted the unusual sight of a 90-year-old woman waving a towel as she ran geese out of the yard. After Dad died in 2008 Mom continued to spend winters living alone independently - in Arizona until 2020 and summers on the Otter Tail River until 2022. She spent her last years in Humphrey Manor making many more friends prior to moving to Lakewood Care Center in Staples in June 2024.

Mom will be remembered as a devout Catholic, loving mother and grandma whose family brought her great joy and occasional heartache. She spent countless hours caring for her youngest son, who had a spinal cord injury at the age of 16, and rejoiced when her oldest son had a miraculous complete recovery from two subdural hematomas (his neurosurgeon initially had given no hope of recovery). Through all life challenges, she remained a constant role model for her commitment to faith, family, and work, as well as her strength, determination, and independence. She was truly a very special person, with a kind and gentle nature, who thanked God every day for each and every blessing.

She is survived by her daughter, Josie (Curt) Cimbura of Wahpeton, ND; sons, Dave (Dusty) of Hewitt; Charlie (Darla) of Wadena, Jim (Laura) of Charleston, SC; grandchildren, Jorma Krause (Sunshine), Roz Beliveau (Andrew), Mac Cimbura (LeAnn), Emily Phipps (Ben), and Eric Krause (Jarounee); 11 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Okie was preceded in death by her husband, Stuart; parents; two sisters; other family and countless friends.

The pallbearers include her grandchildren Jorma Krause, Emily Phipps, Eric Krause and Mac Cimbura and her great-grandchildren Natalie Krause and

Alyssa Krause.

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In lieu of flowers, Mom wished that donations go to the St. Ann's Parish in Wadena.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 26. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Okle "Okie" Krause



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - August 23, 2024 at 06:04 PM

CK

That was so beautiful ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Corey King - August 24, 2024 at 08:19 AM

LC

Our thoughts and prayers are with you today. Know you are not alone.  
Leroy and Janice

Leroy and Janice Chief - August 26, 2024 at 09:25 AM

KR

Just wanted all my Krause Cousins to know that I was with you at Church United with you in sadness while you buried my most Favorite Aunt, Your Mother, Okie.  
All My Love & Prayers.....  
Karen Rice💕🙏💕

Karen Rice - August 26, 2024 at 05:30 PM

MH

“ *Mary Houle lit a candle in memory of Okie "Okie" Krause*



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**Mary Houle** - August 27, 2024 at 06:41 PM

JC

“ *To my cousins, Josie, Dave, Chuck, & Jim: my deepest condolences to you on the loss of your mother, my aunt Okie. She was a wonderful and loving aunt to me. Your mother made my "long and overextended visit" to Wadena in 1966 much more bearable by her loving-kindness to me. Aunt Okie was a dear and beloved sister to my mother, Lonnette. My mother loved to visit Aunt Okie in Mesa and in Minnesota; they had so many wonderful times together. During some of my visits to Arizona, I enjoyed taking my mother to visit Aunt Okie in Mesa; I have many fond memories of those visits we had in Mesa. Although Aunt Okie lived a long and fruitful life, the loss of her is very painful to all of her loved ones that are left behind. As you grieve the loss of your mother, please know that you are not alone because I grieve with you. I pray that the Lord will comfort and sustain you during your period of grieving and that you will experience His presence and peace in a special way. I'm praying for you and your respective families. May God bless you.*

*Your cousin, John Casey*

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**John P. Casey** - August 25, 2024 at 09:48 PM

JE

“ Jane Erckenbrack lit a candle in memory of Okle "Okie" Krause



Jane Erckenbrack - August 25, 2024 at 03:51 PM

AS

“ Alan Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Okle "Okie" Krause



Alan Schumacher - August 23, 2024 at 05:49 PM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - August 23, 2024 at 01:58 PM

LI

“ I remember this pretty lady from the drug store as I was growing up in Wadena. Such a kind and beautiful lady. Sorry for your loss...



Linda - August 23, 2024 at 12:41 PM

RJ

I worked for the Krause. Many good memories. Rest in peace.

Rita Rentz Jensen - August 24, 2024 at 05:34 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Okle "Okie" Krause.



August 23, 2024 at 03:03 AM

DA

“ What a beautiful tribute to such a beautiful inspiring woman💕💕



Di Schiller Anderson - August 22, 2024 at 11:48 PM

AD

“ Audrey Davis lit a candle in memory of Okle "Okie" Krause



Audrey Davis - August 22, 2024 at 01:12 PM

RK

“ Rich & Mavis Kendall lit a candle in memory of Okle "Okie" Krause



Rich & Mavis Kendall - August 22, 2024 at 11:43 AM

NB

“ Nancy Braaten lit a candle in memory of Okle "Okie" Krause



Nancy Braaten - August 21, 2024 at 08:30 PM

DR

“ David & Barb Rousslang lit a candle in memory of Okle "Okie" Krause



david & barb rousslang - August 20, 2024 at 01:55 PM

JB

“*Joyce Boyne lit a candle in memory of Okle "Okie" Krause*



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**Joyce Boyne** - August 20, 2024 at 01:38 PM

LW

“*So sorry to hear of this dear lady passing. She was such a light! God be with her family. May He give you comfort and peace.*

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**Lin Olson Winger** - August 20, 2024 at 12:32 PM

IB

“*Irene Baron lit a candle in memory of Okle "Okie" Krause*



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**Irene Baron** - August 20, 2024 at 11:37 AM

MF

“*Marie Ffraune sent a virtual gift in memory of Okle "Okie" Krause*



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**Marie Ffraune** - August 20, 2024 at 10:08 AM

JS

“ Jim & Tracey Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Okle "Okie" Krause



Jim & Tracey Stoneman - August 20, 2024 at 08:50 AM

KS

“ Krause Siblings purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Okle "Okie" Krause.



Krause Siblings - August 19, 2024 at 10:30 PM

JJ

“ Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Okle "Okie" Krause



Jon Johnson - August 19, 2024 at 09:35 PM