



Elizabeth "Betty" Wurzer

November 16, 1929 - October 14, 2015

Elizabeth "Betty" Wurzer, 85 of Carroll, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at her residence in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Johnson. Music will be by Barb McDermott and the Holy Spirit Choir. Special music will be by Betty's granddaughters: Shannon Hammer and Mollie Hammer. Lectors for the funeral mass will be Betty's granddaughters: Amanda Meiners and Visola Angel. Gift Bearers will be Betty's grandchildren. Casket Bearers will be Betty's grandsons': Matt Schmitz, Heath Walker, Sean O'Tool, Tyler Wurzer, Neil Wurzer, Bryan Wurzer and Aaron Meiners. The Carroll Catholic Daughters of the Americas will form an honor guard for the funeral mass. Burial will be at 1 p.m. on Monday in the Coon Rapids Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 2:30 p.m. on Sunday where there will be a rosary at 3 p.m. by the Carroll Catholic Daughters of the Americas and a Christian Wake Service at 5 p.m. by Holy Spirit Parish.

The casket will be moved to Holy Spirit Church at 9:30 a.m. on Monday where visitation will resume until time of the funeral mass.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Betty's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born on November 16, 1929 at Dedham, Iowa, Elizabeth was the daughter of George and Catherine (Kettman) Willenborg. Betty attended school at St. Joseph's in Dedham and later graduated from Carroll High School in 1947.

On May 10, 1949 she was united in marriage to Leon Wurzer at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dedham. Following their marriage the couple made their home on a farm near Coon Rapids and later moved to the Coon Rapids community. In 1999, Betty moved to the Carroll Community where she had been residing at Orchard View.

Over the years Betty was employed at Boomsma Egg Plant in Glidden, Carroll Manor, assisted with the delivery of the Des Moines Register and did rest home work. Betty also cared for several elderly people in Carroll County in the past years.

Betty enjoyed baking, gardening, tending to her yard, and volunteering wherever needed. She was a member of Holy Spirit Church in Carroll and the Carroll Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Betty is survived by her children: Gary (Pat) Wurzer of Homewood, IL, Richard Wurzer of Des Moines, Deb (Tom) Walker of Scranton, Leon (Renee) Wurzer of Bloomer, WI, Joe (Inez) Wurzer of Huntington Beach, CA, Janet (Dean) O'Tool of Des Moines, Lisa (Mark) Hammer of Coralville, Mary (Mark) Schmitz of Dedham, and Jane (Dave) Meiners of Pontiac, IL; 21 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: John (Charlotte) Wurzer of Apple Valley, MN, Delores Wurzer of Torrance, CA, Betty (Bill) Sabus of Urbandale, Dan (Irene) Wurzer of Farmington, MN, Marlene Wurzer of Walnut Creek, CA, and Lynne Wurzer of Tacoma, WA; as well as many

nieces, nephews, and other extended relatives.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Leon; her sister, Emma Mayer; and her brothers: George Jr. Willenborg and William Willenborg.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LW

“ *My sincerest sympathy to your family on he loss of your dear Mother and Grandmother, Betty. We recently shared some correspondence and am pleased that we were able to reconnect. Betty was very proud of her family, as well she should be, as her efforts over the years truly paid off. Thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.*

Sincerely, Lynne Wurzer

Lynne Wurzer - October 25, 2015 at 04:11 PM

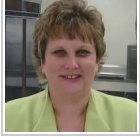
LA

“ *Please accept out sympathy in the unexpected loss of you mother.. Aunt Pearl (Quandt) said she was at a meeting with your mother recently where she showed Pearl the pictures of the picnic and gathering in Iowa last year. It WAS a great time.*

From her end of life story, we can tell she lived a life where her faith was important to her. May the Lord bring you peace in a life well lived by your mother.

*Tom and Linda Ambrose
Fairbury, IL*

Linda Ambrose - October 21, 2015 at 10:37 AM



“ 88 files added to the album Betty's family pictures



Deborah Walker - October 20, 2015 at 09:23 PM



“ Wurzer family: Our thoughts are with you as you face the days ahead. You have our sympathy in your loss. We were happy that Betty was a part of our lives when when she cared for Wes' mom, Helen, so she could stay in her home after Max died. Betty certainly made a difference in our lives. Wes & CJ Niles, Carroll

CJ Niles - October 20, 2015 at 06:37 PM



Wes and CJ, thanks so much for sharing these kind words about our mother. She truly was a kind and giving person. She loved helping others. Deb

Deborah Walker - October 20, 2015 at 09:10 PM



“ Patty Conlin & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Wurzer.



Patty Conlin & Family - October 17, 2015 at 09:40 PM

DJ

“ Denis & Chris Joy purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Wurzer.



Denise & Chris Joy - October 16, 2015 at 07:07 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Wurzer.



October 16, 2015 at 05:19 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Wurzer.



October 16, 2015 at 04:37 PM

BR

“ Have so many memories of your mother while your family was in CoonRapids growing up. May she rest in peace with our heavenly Father. Thoughts and prayers for your families.



Bev and Doug Ramsey - October 16, 2015 at 02:00 PM

RF

“ Ryan and Katy Flynn and Family purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Wurzer.



Ryan and Katy Flynn and Family - October 16, 2015 at 12:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Wurzer.



October 16, 2015 at 11:37 AM

SA

“ Janet, Dean and family, we are thinking about you. If you need anything, please let us know.
All our love,
Patrick, Sarah, Kaitlyn and Kyle.

Sarah - October 16, 2015 at 08:32 AM

YA

“ Your friends at Teamwork Acres purchased the *Sweet Tenderness* for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Wurzer.



Your friends at Teamwork Acres - October 16, 2015 at 08:31 AM

YC

“ *Your University of Iowa co-workers. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Wurzer.*



Your University of Iowa co-workers. - October 16, 2015 at 08:26 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Wurzer.*

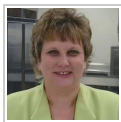


October 15, 2015 at 09:36 PM

RW

“ *I was a kid of 7 or 8 years old, all the way from California, my Mother Dee fighting cancer, when I came to stay with Betty and her family. As homesick as I was, as frightened as I was about my Ma, Betty remedied it all by being exceptionally kind, thoughtful and loving. I will never forget that. Rest in Peace Dear Betty.*
Richard Wurzer

Richard Wurzer - October 15, 2015 at 09:03 PM



Oh, Rich you fit in so well with all of us nine kids. Living in a small town like Coon Rapids you had the opportunity to bike around town, go to the swim pool, make several trip to the little DX gas station for candy/pop, and just hang out doing whatever kids of 7-8 do! We all loved having you and everyone knew who you belong to as you looked just like us "Wurzer" kids. Mom liked being able to help your Mom that summer. You were just another little brother to us all. You are always welcome to come visit in Iowa again, our door is open. Deb

Deborah Walker - October 20, 2015 at 09:17 PM



Rich I remember that summer well.. The first and only time I wasn't the youngest Wurzer of the house. You teaching us how to skateboard off the picnic table and us teaching you not to dive in the shallow end of a swim pool. Luckily no emergency room visits that summer. Thanks for time you spent with Lucas when he was in your area. If you get this way our door is always open also. Jane

Jane N Dave Meiners - October 28, 2015 at 02:39 PM

SS

“ *Keeping the Wurzer families in our thoughts and prayers...*



Steve & Janet Schreck - October 15, 2015 at 06:32 PM