



## Annette Irene Budge

October 13, 1932 - December 26, 2024

Annette Irene Budge, age 92, a longtime resident of Bloomington, MN passed away on December 26, 2024. Annette was born to Trygve and Catherine Potter (née Turner) in Ladysmith, Wisconsin. The oldest of three children, her childhood was spent in the small town of Hawkins, Wisconsin.

Annette received her undergraduate degree in Education from the University of WI Superior in 1954 and during her teaching career, she obtained a master's degree in education. She spent her career in the Bloomington School System and eventually took on the roles of grade level lead for kindergarten and assistant principal. She had a special talent for connecting with kids, and she loved being a teacher.

Annette was a long-time member of Minnesota Valley Country Club, and enjoyed the social aspect of golfing. She also enjoyed traveling, and in her retirement, she made several trips to London and Norway. Annette loved being a grandma and found special joy in being in all her grandkids' lives.

Annette was preceded in death by two loving husbands, Don Budge and Robert Olson. She was also preceded in death by her siblings, Bud Potter and Karn Perkins; and her son, Randall Budge.

She is survived by her daughter, Margaret (Michael) Lehnertz; grandchildren,

Joe, Nick and Charlie; stepchildren, Debbie (Dan) Bergeron, Rob (Beth) Olson, Tim Olson; and grandchildren, Jason, Jessica, Sara, Samantha, Sydney, Zach; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial visitation to be held from 1 to 3 PM on Saturday, January 18th at Washburn-McReavy Dawn Valley Chapel in Bloomington. Private family interment at Dawn Valley Memorial Park.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Dawn Valley Chapel  
9940 Bush Lake Road  
Bloomington, MN 55438

# Tribute Wall

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“ I will always remember the day I brought my (now 35 yr old) daughter to kindergarten open house at OLE. I was a divorced, single mom, and her dad unexpectedly brought his new wife to the open house. Due to sharing the last name of my daughter, his wife allowed people to mistake her for my daughter’s mom. I was so hurt, but I didn’t think it was obvious how hurt I was feeling. Mrs Budge called me later that evening to ask me how I was doing. She knew, and I will forever be grateful for that phone call and to her for being a teacher in a room with 30 kindergarteners! That takes talent. May she rest in peace. 🌸

Mia Olson - January 26, 2025 at 07:10 PM

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“ Dan, Sue, Deacon, & Danielle Duffey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Annette Irene Budge.

Dan, Sue, Deacon, & Danielle Duffey - January 16, 2025 at 06:00 PM

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“ Dan, Sue, Deacon, & Danielle Duffey purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Annette Irene Budge.



Dan, Sue, Deacon, & Danielle Duffey - January 16, 2025 at 06:00 PM

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“ Brad and Marilee Potter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Annette Irene Budge.

Brad and Marilee Potter - January 15, 2025 at 08:45 AM

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“ Brad and Marilee Potter purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Annette Irene Budge.



Brad and Marilee Potter - January 15, 2025 at 08:45 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Annette Irene Budge.



January 12, 2025 at 01:28 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the  
family of Annette Irene Budge.



January 12, 2025 at 10:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Annette Irene Budge.

January 12, 2025 at 10:33 AM



“ The Newton Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Annette Irene Budge.



The Newton Family - January 08, 2025 at 03:10 PM



“ I met Mrs. Budge when I was a student at Brookside Elementary School. I wanted to volunteer in her kindergarten classroom. I fell in love with her and the kids and teaching. Thank you for inspiring me to be a kindergarten teacher! May your memory be eternal Annette.

Lea Newton - January 08, 2025 at 03:01 PM



I remember having wonderful conversations with "Mrs. Budge" when I came to visit Margaret in high school. I don't remember what we talked about, but I recall hanging out in their kitchen and chatting way more than I did with my other friends' parents! My heartfelt thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

Brad Stokes - January 11, 2025 at 04:27 PM