



Mrs. Betty Jane Pumarlo

July 12, 1923 - November 23, 2023

Pumarlo, Betty Jane 100 - fondly known as Gramma Betts to everyone - passed away peacefully Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, 2023, at September Cottage Eldercare in Scandia, Minn. She was born July 12, 1923, in Fort Madison, Iowa, to Walter and Anna (Lohmann) Gerdes. On Oct. 12, 1945, she was united in marriage to William "Bill" Pumarlo, and they made their home in Brooklyn Center, Minn. Bill died July 31, 1984. Betts and Bill enjoyed a full life with camping among their favorite activities. They were often a team in the kitchen. There was no better way to end a day than enjoying happy hour with homemade chokecherry wine. Betts was a full-time homemaker in the broadest sense, holding down the household in every imaginable way. She was the epitome of German spunk. It was hard not to like Betts. She was always there to lend a helping hand to family and friends. Her home was a gathering place for the neighborhood - whether it be a hangout for her kids' friends, coffee klatches, or hosting the "Monday Night Ladies" for an evening of crafts and conversation. But if you ever did find her with an evening alone, there would be a good chance she was watching her favorite movie, "The Sound of Music," the music from which she enjoyed until the very end. She was Gramma Betts to everyone, a name that stuck with her even after her move to September Cottage Eldercare for the past four years. It's no surprise she and the staff immediately bonded. We are so grateful for the personal care and attention afforded mom. September Cottage truly became her second family. She will be dearly missed by: her three children, Vicki (Greg)

Gacioch of Minneapolis, Jim of Red Wing, Doug of Brooklyn Center and daughter-in-law Sue of Brooklyn Park; eight grandchildren, Michelle (Matt) Gerlach, Mandi (Nick) Peltier, Brian (Malia) Gacioch, Bill (Rachel) Gacioch, Meghan (Eric) Ledin, Tawnya (Patrick) Murphy, Bridgette Pumarlo and Dustin Pumarlo; three step-grandchildren, Jay (Jenny) Tauer, John (Mary) Tauer, Corey Tauer (Anne Larsen); one sister, Doris McQuade of Stone Mountain, Ga.; 13 great-grandchildren; 5 step- great-grandchildren; 1 step-great- great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, her daughter-in-law Diane Tauer Pumarlo, and several siblings. A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel, Crystal Lake Cemetery, 3816 Penn Ave. N., Minneapolis. Visitation is at 10, and interment will follow the service. Memorials are preferred to September Cottage Eldercare, Scandia. Washburn-McReavy.com Crystal Lake Chapel 612-521-3677 Penn & Dowling Aves N.

Cemetery Details

Crystal Lake Cemetery

3816 Penn Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55412
(612) 521-7619
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Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Crystal Lake Chapel
3816 Penn Avenue N.
Minneapolis, MN 55412

Chapel Service

NOV **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Betty Jane Pumarlo in memory of Mrs. Betty Jane Pumarlo



Washburn-McReavy - November 29, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ McQuade Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Betty Jane Pumarlo.

McQuade Family - November 29, 2023 at 02:17 PM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Mrs. Betty Jane Pumarlo.



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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mrs. Betty Jane Pumarlo.



November 29, 2023 at 08:05 AM

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“Forever remembered as as a young joyfilled woman. Picnics with the Pumarlo and Roehl cousins on my parents farm in Medina. Love to Jim, Doug and Vicky from Betty Roehl Forster and husband Tom Forster.

Betty Roehl Forster - November 26, 2023 at 02:47 PM