



## Mary Wedum

March 18, 2012

Wedum, Mary Beth Age 76, of Minnetonka, formerly from Alexandria and Fergus Falls, MN. Passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family March 11, 2012. Beth was preceded in death by husband, John A. Wedum; parents, Emil & Ella Hagen; sisters, Maxine, Charlotte, Evelyn and her brother, Keith. Beth was a graduate of St. Cloud State University and utilized her sociology and psychology degrees to the fullest. She was the past president of the Alexandria League of Women Voters and was involved for many years with Theater Le Homme Dieu. Beth believed in helping others and was instrumental in establishing the Douglas County Day Activity Center giving challenged young adults the opportunity to live more independent lives. Beth and John worked as a team throughout their lives developing and operating multiple businesses. Together they built and managed the J.A. Wedum Foundation in which she proudly sat as Co-Chairman of the board for many years. Beth played a major role in the foundations challenge grant to Allina Hospice to fund the construction of the J.A. Wedum Residential Hospice Facility in Brooklyn Park. Her personal end of life journey with John not only led to the vision of such a facility, but became in her lifetime a reality. How proud she was to see her dream fulfilled and the doors open just weeks ago. Beth loved to travel and she and John used every opportunity to explore the world and experience different cultures. They lived many places during their lives, each and every one of them leading to new friendships and adventures. They shared a love most would envy and were soul-mates to the end. Beth is

survived by daughters, Dana Wedum Kennelly (Thomas), and Dawn Downs (Wes); her brother, Ogden Hagen; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and her beloved cat "Tonka". A celebration of Beth's life will be Thursday, March 22, 2012, 11 AM at Eden Prairie Chapel with visitation starting at 10 AM. Graveside service at 1 PM Friday, March 23 at Kincaid Cemetery, Alexandria, MN. Our heartfelt gratitude to Abbott N.W. and Allina Hospice for helping her through this last great Journey. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Allina Hospice. [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400  
7625 Mitchell Road (1 blk N. of Hwy 5)

# Tribute Wall



“ *To our Mamma Mia.....*

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March 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our YMCA has benefited greatly by the generosity of the J.A Wedum Foundation. John and Mary Beth have impacted the lives of thousands of kids, adults and families in the Alexandria Area through the J.A Wedum Foundation. What a wonderful legacy they leave to our community and many others!Jeff BartholomewExecutive Director-Alexandria Area YMCA*

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*Jeff Bartholomew,*

*Alexandria, Minnesota*

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**Jeff Bartholomew** - March 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dana and Dawn ... We wish to express our sympathy to you and your families. Beth and John are two of the finest, loving and sharing people we have ever known. She and John truly inspired us. We are currently in Az. and will be unable to attend the memorials. Steve & Shirley Senden (Wedum Supply Alexandria Mn.)*

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March 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Dana and Dawn, prayers and love to you. What a great woman your Mother was and continues to be through all of her contributions to the Wedum Foundation and through the lives of the two of you.* Kristin Blackerby (Mobile, AL)

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*Kristin Blackerby,*

*Mobile, Alabama*

*Contact Me*

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**Kristin Blackerby** - March 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AB

“Loved my Auntie Beth more and more every passing day. Truly an inspirational person.

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*Ashley Berg,*

*Chaska, Minnesota*

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**Ashley Berg** - March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Dana, I wanted you to know that even if we have not spoken in some time you and your parents have always been dear to me. My deepest condolences to you, and Dawn, on the loss of your mother. Know that even the oldest of friends are thinking of you during this difficult time. Kate (Hintzen) Brannick

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*Kate Brannick,*

*Winfield, Missouri*

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**Kate Brannick** - March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Heaven recieved one beautiful lady, what a positive, beautiful and fun person. She will be greatly missed and left behind many, many great memories. Love to all of you. Greg and Gayle Haanen*

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*Gayle & Greg Haanen,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

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**Gayle & Greg Haanen** - March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *Beth was such a great lady! I'm very glad to have spent as much time with her as I did. I have a lot of great memories of her that I will cherish forever. Luv ya Dana & Dawn!*

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*Kari Lundell,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

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**Kari Lundell** - March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dana and Dawn, All of us who knew and loved your mom share in your sorrow. She truly was a woman of great warmth and character.-Mary Jo Barber (Wisconsin Rapids, WI)*

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March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Dana & Dawn - I'll always remember your mother as a humble and caring person who thought of others more than she did herself. Even when faced with health issues, she maintained a positive outlook. Her life reminds me of something that Mother Teresa said: "Spread love wherever you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." She certainly brought joy into my life, and I'm a better person for it.

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*Ron Bagnall,*

*Lakeville, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Ron Bagnall** - March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *My sincere condolences to Mary Beth's family. As I was researching the link to the Wedum facility on line to refer to a friend, I happened upon the obituary notice and my heart overflowed with the gratitude to Mary Beth, John and the entire family for the wonderful legacy they left for those of us involved in hospice care to continue in their name. The facility is a dream come true for Mary Beth; it is fortunate she was able to see it to completion. Perhaps that sustained her through her last journey. God's blessings to you all.*

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*Jeanne Gilbert,*

*Arden Hills, Minnesota*

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**Jeanne Gilbert** - March 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Dana and Dawn, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. Her struggle was long, but her spirit was strong. I have great memories of her as a cousin from years ago.*

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*Sara Torvik,*

*Rockville, Maryland*

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**Sara Torvik** - March 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dana & Dawn, Our Sincere Sympathy to you in the loss of your Mom. We knew nothing about it until we heard from Kay via an e-mail from Florida. We know all about losing a loved one with cancer, it is 20 years in August since we lost our Lori at age 34 to breast cancer. I look forward to when we will meet Lori once again and you can do the same. Your Mom is in a far better place, free from pain.

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*Mignon & Roy Randall,*

*Wendell, Minnesota*

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**Mignon & Roy Randall** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Dana, So sorry for your loss, it was a long struggle but she is in a better place now. My prayers are with you. Skip

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*Skip Trumble,*

*Chaska, Minnesota*

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**Skip Trumble** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Dana and Dawn-- My sympathy to you in the loss of your mother. Her long struggle with cancer is now over. Fond memories linger in my mind from our younger days. Sara Lynn passed the news on to me via e-mail as we are in Florida .

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*kay rogness,*

*eden prairie, Minnesota*

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**kay rogness** - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Aunt Beth, We'll miss you. You were the conduit for all Hagen family information. Rest in peace.

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*Kathleen Hagen,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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**Kathleen Hagen** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM