



## Valeria W. Letendre

October 5, 2013

Letendre, Valeria W. age 90 of St. Paul, formerly of Babbitt, MN, passed away peacefully with family present October 5, 2013. Preceded in death by husband, Lawrence; and brother, Dick Neises. Survived by children, Linda (Clayton) Riihiluoma, Barb (Bruce) Highland, Timothy (Susan) Letendre, Richard, Terry and Anne Letendre; grandchildren, Charisse and Michelle; sisters, Katie Larson and Mary Hasbrouck; also nieces and nephews. Sincere thanks to staff at Presbyterian Homes Johanna Shores for their kindness and care. Mass of Christian Burial Friday 11 AM, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 835 2nd Ave NW, New Brighton. Interment Fort Snelling Cemetery. Visitation 1 hour prior to Mass at church. [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000

# Tribute Wall

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“ Valeria was my grandmother, she was the sweetest most kind woman. I have yet to encounter another person with such a beautiful, light presence in my life. She was the one constant reminder in my life to continue to love and spread kindness where ever you go regardless of life circumstance. She embraced any sign of creativity in my youth which gave me a great sense of love and appreciation even in my later teenage years when it was the most needed to develop confidence and a sense of self. She would share wonderful stories of her youth, she was second runner up in the Ms. Cass Lake pageant, not surprising, she was a gorgeous woman with a smile that would light up any room. Years have passed and as the time continues to drift by all I can think is how much of a gift I have been given by her reckless optimism and sunshine of a personality being passed down to myself. Sometimes, I have a hard time processing the gift she has blessed me with, other times I remind myself this is the legacy I have to continue, being the one of the only grandchildren and to embrace my gift of kindness and love no matter what comes my way, I continue to shine for you grandma, may you rest in peace knowing you are remembered and appreciated for decades to come. love you, always.

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**Michelle Letendre** - February 26, 2025 at 05:32 PM

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“ Valeria and I were young mothers together on Garden Circle. She was such a good neighbor. We had fun at Dance Club and other activities in Babbitt. Sigrid "Tootie" Rein Nelson

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**Sigrid Nelson** - October 10, 2013 at 07:47 PM