



Winnifred C. Hedahl

March 5, 1923 - August 9, 2014

Winnifred C. Hedahl died on August 9, 2014, at St. Alexius Medical Center, surrounded by her family, following a brief hospital stay. Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, with Fr. Nick Schneider officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a rosary/vigil service will begin at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Thursday one hour prior to the service at the church. Winnifred was born March 5, 1923, to Michael Patrick Coyne and Winnifred Connelly Coyne in Starkweather, ND. She was the fourth daughter and the fifth of six children and so welcome to the world that her mother named her after herself. Her siblings were Eugene and Naomi Coyne, Elizabeth and Jack O'Toole, Catherine Coyne, Marjorie Sr. Britta, OSB Coyne, and Jack and Audienne Coyne. Her father was the Post Master and the editor of the Starkweather Times newspaper. The family moved to Bismarck in January 1939, where her father worked for the North Dakota State Tax Department. Winnifred graduated from Bismarck High School in 1941 and got a good job at the Provident Life Insurance Company. After a year, she decided she wanted to be a nurse, so her older sister Elizabeth helped her fill out an application to St. Mary's School of Nursing in Rochester, MN, where she earned the Edith Graham Mayo Award for kindness to patients. She completed the program to become a registered nurse and was selected for the U.S. Navy Cadet Nurse Corps. She was stationed in San Diego, working in a military burn hospital. Following World War II, she returned to Bismarck in 1946 for what she expected to be a short visit with her mother and stayed for the rest of her life. She got a job as a nurse at the Quain and Ramstad Clinic in Bismarck, and while walking to work one day, she was spotted by a former high school classmate, Neil Hedahl, who called to ask her out on a date the next weekend. They were married on August 7, 1948. They made their lives in Bismarck and happily raised their five children, living within walking distance of both grandmothers. Although she missed living near her brothers and sisters, she loved her closeness with all of Neil's family, especially his sister Beulah and his brother Erling. Winnifred was Neil's number-one champion and supporter in his work in the family business, Hedahls, Inc. Neil died too young in 1986. Even after her formal career as a nurse, Winnifred found ways to remain connected to the nursing profession. She was

involved in the Association of Catholic Nurses and volunteered for many years with the St. Alexius Hospice program. Winnifred's appreciation of her education as a nurse inspired her to establish the Winnifred Coyne Hedahl Student Nurse Scholarship at Bismarck State College in 2012. When Winnifred starting playing the sport of golf, she took to it with great passion and loved the friends she made on the links and with the Apple Creek Ladies Golf group. She played her first round of golf on the day her first grandchild was born in 1978 and made a hole-in-one in 1981. She was also active in several bridge clubs in Bismarck-Mandan and greatly enjoyed the friendships and competition that developed from playing. In addition to the bridge clubs, she loved the regular bridge gatherings with her friends at the Plaza Towers where she lived. In recent years, Winnifred would note with surprise and sadness that she had outlived all her brothers and sisters and too many of her dear friends and loved ones. She will be missed by her children Dick and Gloria Hedahl, Joan Hedahl and Debbie Gowen, Jane and Dan Schreck, Mary Hedahl and Doug Magee, and Ann and Matt Walsh. By her grandchildren Katie and Scott Ferderer, John and Tenille Hedahl, and Angie Hedahl; Angie and E.W. Tibbs; Mary Schreck and Tom Schreck; Tim and Julie Magee, Joey Magee, and Jackson Magee; and Neil Walsh, Danny Walsh, and Tommy Walsh. And by her great-grandchildren Grace, Elijah, Carter, and Jack Hedahl; Emma and McKenzie Tibbs; Will and Natalie Magee; and her newest great-grandchild, Nicholas Ferderer. She will also be missed by her sister-in-law Audienne Coyne and many dear nieces and nephews. Winnifred believed deeply in the value of education and was curious and always wanting to learn more, attending classes and seminars of interest at both University of Mary and Bismarck State College over the years. She stayed informed on current events and read every word of the newspaper. With an instinctive charm and an Irish wit, she often seemed to know exactly the right thing to say to people. Throughout her life, Winnifred was a voice for the marginalized and oppressed, and she was a consistent advocate for peace. Memorial contributions in Winnifred's name can be made to the Winnifred Coyne Hedahl Student Nurse Scholarship at Bismarck State College, to the St. Alexius Hospice program, or to Human Rights First.

Tribute Wall

PH

“ *Hedahl family, My sincere sympathy to all of you. Meeting and greeting Winnie when she visited the office, she was simply a "classy" woman. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Paulette Heringer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *to the Hedahl family, Prayerful sympathy! Winnie was an exceptionally gracious lady! Her legacy of being there for others is one for us to emulate. I know she rejoices in the presence of our loving God whom she served faithfully. Sincerely, Sister Susan Lardy, Annunciation Monastery*

s. susan lardy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Dear Joni and Hedahl family: Jim and I have you in our thoughts and prayers. I read the tribute of your Mom and I am so sorry that I did not know her. She, no doubt, would have been one of my favorite people. I know she will be sorely missed. Lee McEniry*

K. Lee McEniry - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Dear Hedahl Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the passing of your beautiful mother! I'm a friend of Ann's from graduate school. As I read the wonderful tribute of Winnifred and looked at her photo, I couldn't help but see Ann in her, and marvel at how Winnifred instilled such great values and grace in her children. I know you all will miss her dearly. Sincerely, Jill Hanson-Follingstad*

Jill Hanson-Follingstad - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Dear Hedahl "kids", Someone told me that when your parent passes away, no matter what age you are at the time, you reflect on it as a kid. Your Mom and I got to share wonderful memories of all of us growing up in Bismarck. I am so very sad that your beautiful Mother passed away. She was pure class and grace. My heart is heavy for you all at this time,*

Kay Schlosser - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I'm so very sorry to hear that your mom has died, Jane. I love the photo you've chosen of her - it shows the sparkle in her eyes, which was ever present. I am so fortunate to have gotten to know her - it was always delightful to spend a few minutes talking with her. You are definitely your mother's daughter, btw, and I know it will be difficult not having her close by as you have for all of these years. You and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Mary Friesz

Mary Friesz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ I was sad to read that Winnie had died. She was a great friend to my mother over the decades. The Guthries lived on Boulevard too during our young years. Mom and Winnie shared the same political thoughts which mother said was a real rarity many blessings to your family during your time of grief. Sincerely, Eileen Guthrie Wiese

Eileen Wiese - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Dick and Gloria and family - so very sorry for your loss of your mother. Thoughts and prayers to all of you.

Tricia Miller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ My mother, Alice Goughnour and your mom were good friends. Both of them laughed about their mixed marriages -- Irish and Norwegian. The last time I saw your mom was at my mom's funeral. She was, as always, funny, gracious, down-to-earth and very endearing. Please accept my sympathy and prayers.

Karen G Ridings - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Winnie was such a great person...so witty! We will truly miss her. Tonya Holmstrom, Eide Bailly LLP

Tonya Holmstrom - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ When Dick and I were friends back in the 60's I remember what a nice lady she was when I was at their house on Boulevard. Neil gave me a job with Dick doing inventory in a hot building on Main Street and brought us ice cream in the afternoon. Wonderful people, I have good memories of both Winnie and Neil. Sorry for your loss, I know how you feel.

Jim Bashus - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I am so very sorry for your loss Dick. I lost my Mother in 2000 and I still struggle with it from time to time. That Mother Son bond is something special. During my service overseas when the going got tough it was always Mom I missed the most. You hang in there my friend, I will have a good thought for you and your family.

John Holbrook - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ My friend Winn; Even though it's been many, many years since I've sat at your kitchen table late at night to talk about life and love and your daughter Mary...I will always miss your smile, your wink, your unbelievable zest for life and love for your family. I can still see you gracefully float through your den on a dark winter night and say, "Mike, what are you going to be when you grow up? I'm working on that question myself Mike!" Then you'd give me that smile, that twinkle in your eye! Sending my love and prayers and thoughts to all of the Hedahls. Michael Heintzman

Michael Heintzman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ My prayers and best wishes for family. I know this must be a difficult time for all of you.

Lornetta Hooks - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Many wishes of sympathy to the family members. Win will be missed. May she rest in peace. Cathy Schreck

Catherine A. Schreck - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM