

Remembering the Life....

Beverly "Bev" Alice Pugh (4/13/1936-7/27/2024)

As the sun was setting over beautiful Otter Tail Lake with her 3 daughters by her side, Mom was called to her Heavenly Home on July 27th, 2024 to join her life partner and husband of 54 years John "Gene" Pugh. Mom's moment of transition was filled with a beautiful sunset, a warm summer breeze, a gentle ripple on the lake in her lake home on Ottertail Lake.

Mom was born in Sisseton, SD on April 13, 1936 the daughter of Harold Anderson and Catherine Buus. She graduated from Summit, SD high school in 1954. She was active in cheerleading but her most infamous feat was to outrun all the boys in her class including some state champions! Mom met Dad in high school and after high school Mom got a job with USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) in Milbank, SD in 1954. Mom and Dad were married in 1958 in Milbank, SD and moved to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland for the US Army. They found their way back to the Midwest after several moves and eventually settled in Fargo for 25 years at Forest River Drive on the Red River and raised their 3 daughters Cindy, Michelle and Lori and their family dog, Champer. Mom was employed with Western States Life Insurance as an actuarial assistant where she made lifelong friends. Mom also was the Secretary of Bruin Boosters for Fargo South High, where her daughters attended. Mom retired from Western States Life Insurance after a fun and fulfilling career. Upon retirement they moved full time to Ottertail Lake where they had spent many summers and they wintered in Lake Havasu, AZ and Englewood, FL.

After Dad's passing in 2012 Mom was determined to stay in her Ottertail Lake home and she proudly kept up with the yardwork, home maintenance, gardening, finances and all necessary home ownership responsibilities.

Mom's family was the most important aspect of her life, her 3 girls meant the world to her. She wasn't only a Mom and Grandma, she was a friend, an advisor, a supporter and a great listener for her family. She truly was the rock of our family. Mom also had many interests including fishing, pontooning, hunting pheasants, golfing, bowling, yardwork (including operating her John Deere tractor mower until she was 85), gardening, crafting, cooking, baking, bird watching & yard games. Mom excelled in Jarts, Bocce, Croquet and Corn Hole. Mom was an avid animal and bird lover, feeding chipmunks, birds, squirrels and anything else than landed on her deck. Mom never missed a sporting or school event for her daughters and grandkids. Mom was an avid fan of the Vikings, Bison, Timberwolves, Twins and a little Fighting Sioux. Mom loved spending time with her grand animals and always gave them a special rub down. Other favorites for Mom include Wheel of Fortune, World News, shopping and Russel Stover Chocolates. Mom cherished her participation with the Ottertail walking group where she met several beautiful friends.

Mom is survived by daughters: Cindy Simmer of Fargo, ND, Michelle Pugh (Kari Koznick) of Plymouth, MN, and Lori (Dennis) Pugh-Erdle of Fargo, ND; grandchildren Matt and Bobbi Simmer; Frank Simmer, father of the grandchildren, step grandson, Max Erdle.

Mom was preceded in death by her beloved husband, John "Gene" Pugh, her parents and sister Corinne (Marlyn) Kuper.

The last year Mom faced many challenges and obstacles and she always met them with a smile, positive attitude and her strong faith. Mom was one RESILIENT woman who definitely knew how to PERSEVERE! There were many supportive people who entered Mom's life to help her through this journey. The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. Corina Narvaez Jacob (and staff), Perham Hospital, Perham Living, Knute Nelson (PT, OT, Home Health, Hospice), the passionate care givers at Home Instead & local first responders; all of who were part of "Team Bev". Mom was blessed with many dear friends and Highland Loop neighbors who Mom considered part of her extended family. We want to say thanks to all of you. Love, Cindy, Michelle & Lori.

In lieu of flowers please contribute memorials to a charity of your choice.

Blessed be the Memory of Bev Pugh

Celebrating the Life of



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April 13, 1936 ~ July 27, 2024



In Loving Memory Of
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Celebration of Life

Wednesday, July 31st, 2024 at 2:00 PM
Glende-Nilson Funeral Home
Battle Lake, Minnesota

Officiating

Father George Michael VC Chaplain McKay Ness

Recorded Music

“Here I Am, Lord” Collin Raye
“How Great Thou Art” Carrie Underwood
“On Eagles Wings” Josh Groban
“Amazing Grace” Anne Murray

Casketbearers

Cindy Simmer ~ Michelle Pugh ~ Lori Pugh-Erdle
Dennis Erdle ~ Frank Simmer ~ Kari Koznick

Honorary Casketbearers

Matt Simmer ~ Bobbi Simmer ~ Max Erdle

Interment

Charlene Dunn, graveside officiant and family friend
Thursday, August 1st, 2024 at 11:00am
Holy Cross South Catholic Cemetery, Fargo.

Appreciation

Bev’s family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join family and friends for a reception following the service.

Arrangements by

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Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Now you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth’s shadows,
Pray to trust our Father’s will.

When your work is all completed,
And your time has passed
Oh, the joy to see you come!
Safely home in Heaven at last.