



## Betty Aldridge

March 13, 1916 - September 17, 2011

Elizabeth J. Aldridge, 95, of Minocqua passed away at her home on Saturday September 17, 2011. She was born in Chicago, IL on March 13, 1916 to Knut (Margaret nee Larson) Warner.

Betty has been a summer resident of Minocqua since 1924, residing full time in 1971. She owned and managed a Tea House in Minocqua, across from Bosacki's Boat House, in the 1930's, then the Deerpath Inn in Lake Forest, IL for 20 years, where she raised her family. After moving to the North permanently she started a business named Girl Friday Enterprises and ran it until 1981. A bundle of energy, Betty never ceased giving to the community of Minocqua. She was a founding member of St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Lakeland Performing Arts, Blue Lake Preservation Association, and was integral in the development of the Campanile Center. A graduate of Carleton college in Minnesota, she remained a lifelong member of AAUW. She was passionate about playing duplicate bridge with her many friends at the Minocqua Country Club and loved to swim from the dock at her cabin on Blue Lake.

Survivors include a daughter, Susan Aldridge of Libertyville, IL; two sons Warren and his wife Margaret Aldridge of Libertyville, IL and Kenneth and his wife Carolyn Aldridge of Minocqua; nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday September 24, 2011 at 9:30 AM at St. Matthias Episcopal Church. The memorial service will be held at

10:30 AM, followed by an informal lunch with family and friends in the parish hall. Memorials may be directed to the Lakeland Food Pantry PO Box 470 Woodruff, WI 54568.

# Tribute Wall

HW

“ *Betty and Blue Lake! What a wonderful combination. We have lasting memories of visiting with Betty and enjoying her hospitality. She was a delightful lady!  
Our sympathies to all of you.  
God's blessings.  
Howard and Bernie Westphal*

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**Howard and Bernice Westphal** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

TP

“ *Ken and Family, please accept our sympathy and know that we are thinking of you at this hard time.*

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**Tom & Barb Plohr** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

DP

“ *Ken: Our deepest sympathies on the passing of your Mother!*

*Sincerely,*

*Donald and Sandra Palmer*

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**Don and Sandy Palmer** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

JB

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences. May you find comfort in knowing that one day we will reunite with our love ones. John 5:28,29 May this passage console you, during these trouble times.*

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**J. Brown** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

NR

“ I will forever associate Betty with the arts in Minocqua. She was always willing to promote any function that concerned the arts of all kinds. Especially helpful was her support for the Campanile Center and her contribution of the beautiful piano now gracing the stage. Her warm smile and her presence in our community will be greatly missed and she is not easily forgotten...My sincerest sympathy to her family.

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**Norma Rusch** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

DB

“ We are very sorry for your loss. We spent time with Betty at family gatherings and basketball games. Betty was a delight to be with and she will be missed by anyone who was fortunate enough to have met her.

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**Denny and Diane Bruns** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

PW

“ Dear Aldridge Family,  
What GREAT MEMORIES we have of Betty and the Aldridge Clan..... Your Mom was a true leader in everything she did. Even making reservations for breakfast:).....She will always be remembered... What a great life...  
What a Wonderful Woman.....  
Patt and Bob aka:Little Swiss Village

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**Patt and Bob Wegmann** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

EH

“ Betty was a lovely lady and a wonderful friend to my Mom, Mary Robertson. They had many wonderful times together, including travel, concerts and more festive dinners than can be counted. Betty was a concerned and supportive friend when Mom became incapacitated; for this our family is truly grateful. Heartfelt condolences to Betty's family and her very kind caregivers. She was one of a kind and we blessed to have had time in her presence.

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**Emily Robertson Hood** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

AL

“ I am heartbroken to hear of Betty's passing. She was such a good friend to my parents, Ed and Doris Hacker, and to me and my own children. We all have wonderful memories of her graciousness, craziness, and giving of herself. I will never forget the times we spent on the pontoon boat, at The Cove 'singing' along with Don at the piano bar, and playing in Blue Lake. I still make her recipes for green pepper dip and hash brown potato bake. Betty was a big part of my life as I was growing up and an inspiration to me. I will always think of her with the fondness of memories. I am so sorry for your loss. Arlene Hacker Larson

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**Arlene Hacker Larson** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

MG

“ Dear Ken and Family,  
I send my condolences and deepest sympathy for your loss. May you find strength, comfort and peace during this very difficult time. May all your cherished memories bring a smile upon your face.

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**Mary Guyer** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM