



## Doris Widstrand

February 11, 1930 - February 5, 2011

Doris M. Widstrand, 80, of Woodruff, WI, died peacefully on February 5, 2011 at the Seasons of Life Hospice House in Woodruff. In spite of the serious challenge posed by cancer over the course of this past year, she did not allow illness to prevent her from sharing in many joyous occasions with her family. Doris was born February 11, 1930 to Lee and Grace (Long) Muller of La Farge, Wisconsin. She graduated from La Farge High School in 1948, and was united in marriage to Arnott Widstrand, Jr. on October 2, 1948. They published the La Farge Enterprise, a weekly newspaper, until June of 1973. In 1973, they moved to Woodruff, Wisconsin where Arnie worked for the Lakeland Times and Doris worked at Rocking Horse Daycare and Minocqua-Hazelhurst-Lake Tomahawk School as a teaching assistant. Doris's greatest joy in life was her family with Arnie and their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She attended and supported their activities, whether it was sports, music, forensics, or academics. Even after her cancer was well advanced, she enjoyed her grandchildren's weddings, new babies, graduations, concerts and performances. Everyone loved to gather at Grandma Doris's house to enjoy the special traditions at Christmas, the winter cross-country skiing that she loved, or the summer picnics, boating, and swimming at the lake. Besides her family, she enjoyed spending time with her friends from church, her walking group, birthday club, and Curves Niners. She was active in her church and was an active Hospice Volunteer. Doris also enjoyed traveling with friends and family, visiting destinations coast to coast as

well as Canada, Hawaii, and England. She had a positive outlook on life, was loved by many, and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include six daughters, Tonra (Carl) Degner of Wonewoc, Sarah (Phil) Gudgeon of Viroqua, Margie (Bill) Frankenberger of Eau Claire, Hulda (Allan) Beilke of Wausau, Bridget (Tim) Hill of La Crosse, Rosalie Widstrand of Crivitz, and two sons, Simon (Tere) Widstrand of Madison, and Chris (Cindy) Widstrand of Eau Claire, 15 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Nellie Muller of La Farge, sister-in-law Elaine (Widstrand) Gudgeon of Merrill, brother-in-law John (Phyllis) Widstrand of Cedarburg, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father Lee in 1934, mother Grace in 1974, husband Arnie in 1997, her brothers, Dale and Don Muller, sister-in-law Freda Muller, and brother-in-law Charlie Gudgeon.

Doris's family would like to thank all of the medical staff in Minocqua and Marshfield who cared for her with a special thank you to everyone at Seasons of Life Hospice House.

As requested by Doris, a Celebration of Life memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. at The Church of the Pines in Minocqua, Wisconsin. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the La Farge Alumni Scholarship program, the Methodist Church, or to your local Hospice program.

# Tribute Wall

RV

“ Our deepest sympathy to the entire extended Widstrand family. Doris and Arine and family were close and dear friends, for many years. Our prayer's are with the extended families, at this time. Doris was a true joy in life. Sincerely Neet and Bob and family.

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**Robert & Anita Vosen** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

JA

“ Dear Widstrand Family  
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother. Being in the same class as Rose and being on the swim team with Rose and Chris and living in the same neighborhood, I ran into your Mother often. Until recently our paths would cross around town or at the beach and in the winter at the Madeleine Lake ski trail where she would give me a hard time, in a good way with a smile and laugh. Talking with Rose a few years ago she asked if I still skied at Madeleine Lake and when I said yes she said it made her feel better that if something had happened to your Mom out there I would find her. I was glad your Mother skied out there often because if something happened to me she would have found me. I would be laying there your Mother always positive of attitude but small in stature would toss all 6 foot three, two hundred and some pounds of me over her shoulder and ski me out of there. I will think of her when I ski out there.  
Sorry for your loss  
Jim Arnold

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**Jim Arnold** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

AY

“ Margie & Family---I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember, (My being sort of an only child) how fun it was to go to your home. I am glad you all have each other at this time--know that old friends are thinking of you--Time takes away the sadness of the loss, but leaves great memories. April

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**April (Melvin) Young** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

VC

“ This was a beautiful tribute to your Mom. Every Mother would be proud to be honored and remembered in such a beautiful way. We are so sorry for your loss. She will undoubtedly be missed by many. May God Bless her memory. Van & Kathy Cowden

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**Van & Kathy Cowden** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

DT

“ To the Widstrand children: So sorry to hear of your mother's death. I remember spending lots of time at her house when Margie and I were best friends in grade school. And we would also stop in at the Enterprise office too.  
I have retired and own a home in the LaFarge area on County Rd. P. So, I have come full circle!  
My condolences to the family.

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**Debra Tryggestad** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

JM

“ *Memories of Doris...well she was always game to try something new in spite of difficulties she may have to meet. Living in Gudgeon's camper while the house was being built and hosting a party there, traveling the long, long way to Hawaii because she could make a memory with her daughters, or looking absolutely lovely at a recent wedding, even though it meant another long trip (although not quite as long). And finally, looking down at those Packers and saying.. "Get going you guys". You are blessed Widstrand family, you are blessed!*

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**Jill Miller** - February 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Hi to all of you...and my sincere condolence with the loss of your mom.  
Know that thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you!*

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**Deb Christianson** - February 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM