



## Hedwig Blank

August 11, 1930 - July 5, 2025

Hedwig Blank, age 94, of Woodruff, passed on to meet God on July 5, 2025 at Seasons of Life Hospice in Woodruff. She suffered a stroke 6 days earlier at her home and was transported to Howard Young Medical Center for stabilizing care.

She was born on August 11, 1930 in Padingkenhmen, East Prussia. She was a teen during WWII and had some harrowing stories of Russian occupation as the war concluded. The family immigrated South to West Germany after the war.

She met her husband, Christian and married in 1951. They were looking for a better life with Germany in ruins so decided to immigrate to the United States through Ellis Island and settled in Minocqua in 1952, working at Rockwood Estates off Hwy 70 West. They then both provided caretaking for the Paul Chapman estate on Trout Lake and enjoyed meeting the Eisenhower brothers and Ike's brother Milton, who loved Hedwig's cooking and pie she baked for him. Making a job change they proceeded to care for the Dane Crook estate off Hwy 70 West.

They raised three children in Woodruff near the DNR offices where Christian worked. Hedwig was a homemaker her whole life and was extremely talented seamstress and did alterations of all types for locals and many became good

friends over the years. She made many baptismal gowns from former wedding dresses that were beautiful. Hedwig was also an excellent cook and baker, there was never a tradesman that left the house without cookies, cake or other treats. She very much enjoyed knitting and made handmade quilts, mittens and other items. Her eyesight started to fail in her later years and so she turned to the cooking to pass the time. She wanted to live on her own in the home they built in 1974 in Woodruff, and she did until the stroke. A very dedicated, strong-willed individual mixed with a very kind side that people enjoyed.

Hedwig was a long-time member of the Methodist Church of the Pines in Minocqua and watched it grow over the years and made many lifetime friends there.

She is survived by sons; Dietmar Blank of Woodruff WI, Daniel Blank of Arbor Vitae WI and Dale Blank (Teresa) of Hazelhurst WI. Hedwig loved spending time with and watching her five grandchildren: Julia, Nicholas, Braedon, Grace and Gabbie Blank, grow to be fine young adults.

Special thank you to Gretchen and Ted Voigt, neighbors: Diane & Ray Christenson and Jim & Deb Kumbier for always looking over her as well as many other church members and friends that took time to spend with her.

Funeral (graveside) services will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery off South Farming Road in Arbor Vitae, WI on July 18, 2025 at Noon where she will be laid to rest with her beloved Christian.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUL 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

Sunset Memorial Garden  
South Farming Road  
Arbor Vitae, WI 54568

# Tribute Wall

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“ *We love and miss you Oma.*



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**Julia Blank** - July 19, 2025 at 12:09 AM

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“ *Sue (Eder) Krieger & Audrey Eder:*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with Heddy's family. Audrey enjoyed her friendship with Heddy very much, and they checked on each other. I had the pleasure of accompanying Audrey on visits with Heddy and very much enjoyed our conversations. We are happy to have known her, and Audrey misses her. When Audrey found out Heddy was in hospice, she visited her each day until her passing. The family has also been very good to Audrey in the past, sharing food with her sometimes on holidays when I couldn't be with her. I thank you for thinking of her. My heart goes out to all of you! Rest in Peace Heddy!*

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**Susan (Eder) Krieger** - July 17, 2025 at 07:14 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hedwig Blank.*



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July 12, 2025 at 09:52 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Hedwig Blank.

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“ My condolence to the family

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**Tom Wipperfurth** - July 10, 2025 at 08:33 AM