



## Mary Pukall

January 16, 1923 - February 26, 2013

Mary Pukall, of Arbor Vitae, slipped peacefully into eternal life Tuesday, February 26, at her home in Arbor Vitae. She was 90 years old.

She was born January 16, 1923 in Cobalt, Ontario, Canada, to John and Gertrude (Gartside) Underwood. After completing high school, she worked as an office manager for lumber brokers, first in Latchford, Ontario and later in Toronto.

On July 25th, 1945, she was united in marriage with Roger Pukall in Toronto, and moved to Arbor Vitae after Roger was discharged from the Army Air Force later that year. She worked along side her husband at Pukall Lumber Company and remained active in the business until shortly before her death.

Despite a medical condition that gradually left her unable to walk, Mary always maintained a positive attitude of resilience and determination. She will be remembered for her work ethic and commitment to giving back to the Lakeland community. Along with Roger, Mary established the Pukall Lumber Foundation in 1973, to support area non-profit organizations as well as national aid organizations.

She also served on the board of Northwoods Rehabilitation Associates, a division of Howard Young Health Care, from 1986 – 1993, inspiring others

through her determination to succeed in spite of obstacles.

Mary is survived by her husband of 67 years, Roger; daughters Debra Christensen of Bloomington, MN, and Susan Pukall (Rick Wilson) of Arbor Vitae; a grandson, David Christensen, and granddaughter, Alison Christensen; three step-granddaughters, Whitney, Kristi and Emily Wilson; sisters Alson Campsall of New Liskeard, Ontario, June (Jim) Kendall of Toronto, Ontario, and Florence (Bill) Wherry of Carrying Place, Ontario, and by brother Jim Underwood of Cobalt, Ontario. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ted and Alec Underwood.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 22, 2013 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Minocqua.

The Pukall family would like to give special thanks to Michelle Rosinski, Erica Gammee, Kelly Kuehl, Michelle Weibel, Nancy Stowe and Lisa Zarda for their loving care for Mary.

Mary will be greatly missed by family and friends who know that her physical limitations are finally over and she is at home with the Lord.

In Mary's memory, donations to the Howard Young Foundation or Calvary Lutheran Church would be appreciated.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **22** (CT)

Calvary Lutheran Church  
8632 Hwy 51  
Minocqua, WI 54548

# Tribute Wall

VB

“ Knew Mary, Roger and Family for years. Lived just down the road from Pukals Lumber Co. baby sat for the girls when they were small and Mary worked. She was a super nice lady always. Mary..RIP..

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**Vonnie (Hunter) Braun** - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

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“ My condolences to Roger and Sue for your loss. I treasure the time I got to spend as Roger's Guardian on his trip to Washington D.C. I'm sorry for your loss!

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**Patrick Puyleart** - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

MW

“ Mary was the sweetest most gentle lady i've had the honor to work with and work for. She had a heart of gold. I will truly miss her smiling face and wonderful outlook on life. She has been a true inspiration. I love you Mary... rest in peace.

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**Michelle Weibel** - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

MH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We will always remember Mary with a smile on her face, encouraging us to swim in the pool, and making pancakes with maple syrup! We will miss her!

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**Michelle and John Hamilton** - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM