



Wanda Nelson

October 6, 1922 - August 22, 2011

Wanda J. Nelson, 88, of Woodruff died on Monday, August 22, 2011 at Seasons of Life Hospice House in Woodruff. Born October 6, 1922 in Crandon. As a young child, she moved with her family to Elkhart, Indiana where she completed elementary school. She returned to northern Wisconsin where she graduated from Arbor Vitae-Woodruff High School. In 1941, she married Harold ("Stub") Nelson of Woodruff where they resided until their first two children were born. They moved to Camp Manitowish in Boulder Junction where Harold was employed as caretaker for 19 years. Dr. Kate Newcomb delivered all of their five children. Wanda worked part-time at Camp Manitowish and the bakery in Boulder Junction. In 1964 she became a postal clerk in Boulder Junction and also worked as replacement postmaster in Lake Tomahawk, Minocqua, Harshaw, Woodruff and Rhinelander. She and Harold returned to Woodruff in 1979. She was (appointed) postmaster in Boulder Junction until her retirement in 1985. Wanda was predeceased by her parents Melvin and Leona (Bertch) Kenaga; husband Harold; son Donovan (Nancy), son David, and brother Clair. Survived by daughter Kathleen (Bill) of Hansville, WA; son Dick (Maureen) of Madison, and daughter (Kris) of Thunder Bay, Canada. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, and cousins in Indiana and Florida. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:30 PM on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at Community Church of Boulder Junction in Boulder Junction, WI.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ I will always remember Wanda for her "quiet" sense of humor. My life is richer for the memories of her that I will keep with me forever. I am honored to have known her. Sincerely, Jill Hildebrand

Jill Hildebrand - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

NK

“ When I was old enough to ride by bike to town. My job was to go and get the mail for the resort. I would ride into the Post Office to get the mail. My dad would n't let me have the key, so, I would have to go in and ask Wanda. She was so wonderful and would bundle all the mail tight with a rubber band, and send me on my way. RIP Wanda!

Nikki Kassien - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

LL

“ Thanks to Wanda's organizing a Kenaga reunion, we were able, after many years apart, to get to reacquainted. Our trip to the reunion will always be one of our treasured memories. Our prayers are with you and your families. Lucy Long

Lucy Long - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

PM

“ I am glad that I got to meet Wanda at the Kenaga reunion several years ago. It was there I was introduced to my Wisconsin "Kenaga" cousins. We continued to have a few reunions, but Wanda couldn't attend. I know she will be missed by her Indiana cousins. I appreciated that she sent me the book on Dr. Kate that gave me insight into her immediate family. My sympathy to my cousins.

Pat Mote - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

AM

“ Dear Wanda I am so sorry not to see you again, now you can RV again and see Doris Weidstrand, God Bless You and Your family.

Amy - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

LK

“ We've been blessed indeed to have had so many wonderful conversations with Aunt Wanda over the years; she truly added a bright light to our everyday routines every time we spoke. She had such enthusiasm for life . . . never letting anything get her down . . . "and so it goes" our favorite Wanda expression. We will miss our talks. Our thoughts and prayers are with all her family and friends.

Lyle & Jane Kenaga - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

JO

“ Kathy, Dick and Kris: So sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother: I'd been to see her a few times the last year and never would have thought this. She was my source of information back when I lived in Boulder Jct. You all have my most sincere sympathy. Jerri Kable Ohlsson

Jerri Ohlsson - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM



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Stacey - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM