



Audrey E. Venz

July 1, 1923 - August 25, 2018

Audrey E. Venz, age 95 of Butternut, was called to her eternal rest on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at Park Manor Nursing Home. She was born July 1, 1923 in Butternut, Wisconsin, the daughter of the late Arthur, Sr. and Henrietta (Teschner) Fleischfresser. She married Rudolph Venz on December 28, 1945 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Butternut. Her loving husband of fifty years preceded her in death in 1996.

Audrey received her elementary and secondary education in Butternut and was a lifelong resident of the Butternut area. She graduated from Butternut High School in 1941 and from Ashland County Teacher's College in 1943. She then attended the University of Wisconsin-Superior, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree majoring in Primary Education. Audrey taught elementary education for 40 years and was on the faculty of the Butternut School District for 32 years. Prior to teaching in Butternut, she taught at the rural Peeksville School, the Glidden School District, and at Park Falls.

Audrey was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, St. Paul's Ladies Aid, and served the St. Paul's Quilters. She and her husband served as leaders for Adult Home Bible Study. In years past she served St. Paul's as a Sunday school and Vacation Bible School teacher for many years. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 0272, The Friends of the Park Falls Library, the Chequamegon Bay Area Retired Educators and the Wisconsin Retired Educator's Association.

She is survived by two sons: Marshall (Shirley) Venz, Butternut, WI; Forrest (Margaret) Venz, San Clemente, CA; three grandsons: Erik (Dawn) Venz of Rancho Santa Margarita, CA; Mark Venz and Matthew Venz of Middleton, WI; two granddaughters: Dr. Kari (Scott) Gondeck of Green Bay, WI and Kristi Venz (John) Koshiol of Eagan, MN; 3 great-grandsons: Joshua and Jordan Venz, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA and Thomas Koshiol of Eagan, MN; great-granddaughter Imke Audrey Koshiol of Eagan; brother Robert Fleischfresser, Butternut; and sister Dorothy (Fred) Boness, Milwaukee, WI as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, Rudolph, and her parents, she was preceded in death by 4 brothers and 5 sisters-in-law: Ervin (Arlene) Fleischfresser, Arthur (Gloria) Fleischfresser, Jr., Albert (Elisabeth) Fleischfresser; Norman (Muriel) Fleischfresser; Yvonne Fleischfresser; and sister and brother-in-law Erna (Mike) Urban.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 1, 2018 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Butternut with Pastor John Dietz officiating.

Visitation will take place from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Friday, August 31, 2018 at the Novitzke Funeral Home in Park Falls, and on Saturday from 10:00 AM until the time of service at St. Paul's.

Interment will be at Butternut Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Butternut Area Fire & Rescue or Butternut Area Historical Society.

Cemetery Details

Butternut Union Cemetery

Butternut, WI 54514

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Novitzke Funeral Home
322 Sherry Ave
Park Falls, WI 54552
(715) 762-3287

Visitation

SEP 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
301 West Main Street
Butternut, WI 54514

Service

SEP 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
301 West Main Street
Butternut, WI 54514

Tribute Wall



“ Audrey E. Venz

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ Hello Marshall & Shirley and Forrest & Maggie:

I'm so sad for your loss and I feel it deeply.

Your Mom was a beautiful person, an exceptional teacher and later as an adult, a special friend. I never ever saw her when she did not have a smile. She could lift up your day just by seeing her face and hearing her beautiful laugh. I know you must have so many wonderful memories to cherish and to remember whenever you miss her and know she surely had a tremendous impact on many children. I know I am so very appreciative that she was my First Grade Teacher! I apologize it has taken me so long to send this message; you have not been far from my thoughts in the weeks since her passing. May she rest in peace.

Mary Kopan Reich

10/18/18



Mary Reich - October 18, 2018 at 02:34 PM



“ Mrs. Benz was such a wonderful and sweet lady. I loved talking with her in church. I remember how she told me how she taught my father in school. She a true blessing to so many people. Gods blessings to your family.

Faith Wagner - August 31, 2018 at 09:59 AM



Mrs Venz.

Faith Wagner - August 31, 2018 at 10:02 AM

AR

“ *My condolences. I have such fond memories of Mrs Venz as my first grade teacher. I am glad that I was able to stop in last year to see her, even just briefly.*

Anthony Rominske - August 29, 2018 at 07:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Audrey E. Venz.*



August 29, 2018 at 06:13 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Audrey E. Venz.*



August 29, 2018 at 12:41 PM

SW

“ A true hunting tale.

50 years ago John wounded a deer when hunting at the family farm. He tracked that deer to our house near Butternut and when he stopped in for a break he was covered in snow and ice. After warming up with fresh homemade donuts and drying his clothes, he continued to track that deer until he caught up with it and finished it off near his house on hiway 13. He would not give up on that wouded deer. He was such a dedicated, determined, hard working man. He will be missed by many.

Sheila Wagner - August 28, 2018 at 10:42 PM

SW

“ Our sympathy. She was a wonderful patient teacher to my 4 children.

Sheila Wagner - August 28, 2018 at 10:29 PM

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“ The Koshiol's and Latzke's purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Audrey E. Venz.



The Koshiol's and Latzke's - August 28, 2018 at 12:28 PM

DE

“ Mrs Venz was a wonderful 1st grade teacher to me in 1976. I never forgot her. She taught me to read. My condolences to her family and students. She is missed. Debbie Andree, Orlando, Fl

Debbie - August 28, 2018 at 12:39 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Audrey E. Venz.*



August 26, 2018 at 10:21 PM



“ *To the Venz family,*

Bill and I enjoyed meeting your mother/grandmother at John and Kristi's wedding. She was so sweet and love all of you very much.

We are thinking of all of you during this difficult time.

Jennifer and Bill Koshiol

Jennifer Koshiol - August 26, 2018 at 08:10 PM