



## Avis H. McKuen

June 18, 1923 - June 9, 2023

Avis H. McKuen, age 99 of Park Falls, died peacefully with her son by her side on Friday June 9, 2023, at Marshfield Medical Center in Marshfield. Born in Park Falls on June 18, 1923, Avis was the eldest daughter of Michael and Eva (Cahill) Hilgart's 13 children. She was a lifetime resident of Park Falls where she attended school and was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. On January 21, 1942, she married her school sweetheart and best friend, James McKuen. Together they raised three children whom she said were her greatest accomplishment in life. Avis was a wonderful homemaker who enjoyed tending her flower beds, taking care of the home, cooking, baking, and preparing large Sunday dinners for her family. A talented seamstress, her work was meticulous. She dabbled in knitting, crafting many slippers and sweaters with her knitting machine. It brought her great joy to stitch beautiful quilts for her family, covering them all warmly in love. She always put others first and loved spending time with her family and friends, especially her grandchildren whom she thoroughly enjoyed spoiling with baked goods. She worked for a time at St. Croix Rods and then retired from Flambeau Paper Mill. Avis was a strong-willed woman who will be sorely missed by her family.

She is survived by her 2 sons Michael (Jean) McKuen of Park Falls and James McKuen of Sturgeon Bay; 8 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren; her brother Michael (Mary) Hilgart of Fifield, and

sister Ginger Behreandt of Park Falls; and by many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband James, daughter Sandra McKuen; 8 brothers: Bill, Richard, Harold, Kenneth, Albert, Clarence, Walter, and Alvin Hilgart; 3 sisters: Jeanette Wartgow, Marjorie Peterson, and Cleo Hilgart.

A memorial Mass will be held at 12:00pm on Monday June 19, 2023 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Park Falls. Fr. Shaji Pazhukkathara will officiate, assisted by Deacon Chet Ball.

Interment will follow at Nola Cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 11:00am until the hour of the service on Monday June 19, 2023 at the church.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.  
[www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com](http://www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St Anthony's Catholic Church  
276 S 5th Ave  
Park Falls, WI 54552-1143  
(715) 762-4494

## Memorial Mass

JUN 19. 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Graveside

JUN 19 (CT)

Nola Cemetery  
Park Falls, WI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Avis H. McKuen*

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Avis was such an awesome woman who helped me out when I started at the mill in 1976 When I helped deliver cookies with my sister to her she always had a smile on her face. Beautiful woman who will be missed*

**Linda Fuhrman** - June 16, 2023 at 06:12 PM



“ *I lived 2 houses down from Avis when I was growing up in Park Falls. She was a great neighbor. I will always remember her beautiful flower beds and humming birds.*  
*Theresa E.*



**Theresa E.** - June 10, 2023 at 05:46 PM



*Thinking of you. My mom, Bette Black, was her first cousin and always talked about the good ole days when they were all young kids - Our thoughts and prayers to all of her family. Linda (Bette's daughter)*

**Linda Kniskern** - June 10, 2023 at 07:37 PM



*I'm always sad when people get so very close to 100 and don't make it - it's just not fair. My mom used to laugh at me, but if you get that close, you should be able to celebrate it!*

**Linda Kniskern** - June 10, 2023 at 07:38 PM