



## Nettie Elizabeth Szymik

December 14, 1924 - September 27, 2023

Nettie Elizabeth (Obernberger) Szymik, age 98, of Park Falls, Wisconsin, died on Wednesday September 27, 2023 at Park Manor Nursing Home. She was born on December 14, 1924 in Little Black, Wisconsin, to George and Lucy (Peissig) Obernberger. On February 3, 1945 she married Emil Szymik and lived as an Air Force wife in Illinois, Japan (where Brian was born), California and Nevada, when Emil retired as Master Sergeant in 1966 and they moved to Crandon, Wisconsin and then back to Park Falls, their hometown in 1969. Nettie loved babies and children and along with her own children, she nurtured nine infants and children in foster care including Jimmy who she loved for nine years. She loved camping and family gatherings and was well liked by all she met. Nettie was a great storyteller about the past and enjoyed playing cards with her family every night until she needed nursing care, going for long car rides to count deer, and making meals for those she loved.

She is survived by her four children: Nan (Ken) Stegner of Fort Collins, CO, Jeff (Sue) Szymik of Park Falls, Amy (Dave) Riese of Fruita, CO, and Brian (Nancy) Szymik of Park Falls, seven grandchildren; Stacie (Doug) Gander, Megan Szymik, Nettie (Greg) Kauffman, Lori (David) Houdeshell, Derek Stegner, Keri (Don) McGregor, Ryan (Victoria) Riese; seventeen great-grandchildren; three sisters-in-law: Wynette Obernberger, Barb Obernberger, and Gerry (Cal) Richardson; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Emil; her parents; brothers Teddy, Merlin (Lorraine), and Danny; her sisters Margie (Earl) Franke; and Lorna (Kenny) Roohr.

A graveside service will take place at Forest Home Cemetery on Saturday October 7, 2023 at 2:00pm.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.

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# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Forest Home Cemetery  
Old 70 Road and Krucky Road  
Fifield, WI 54524

# Tribute Wall



“ *I remember her and husband when they were stationed at Mather AFB in California. She was a sweet lady.*

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**Jim Defebaugh** - January 15, 2024 at 12:58 AM



“ *Nettie Elizabeth Szymik*

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October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *I'm sorry I can't make it this Sat for celebration of life. Ronda and I did get to talk with Nettie awhile back. Ronda got to show her grandsons to Nettie that are in the service. Nettie remembered we were Merlin's daughters. Our whole family always loved when Emil and Nettie and family came to visit on the farm. We hated seeing the family leave. Nettie was always so gentle and kind to us as well as all of our fine relatives! Being a part of our family I take pride in. God Bless you all!!!*

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**Debbie Becker** - October 05, 2023 at 12:39 AM

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“ Aunt Nettie always made our family camping trips more fun. She also would drive my dad (Earl ) down to our home in Phillips when he got too old to drive himself. We would eat suppers of grilled hamburgers and then go for a drive to look for deer. Then a few hours sitting by a campfire by the lake. She was like a grandmother to our son Travis.

Nettie was always the person who trimmed my hair when I was growing up, she continued that tradition by cutting Travis's hair when he was a bouncy toddler. Many thanks Nettie for those haircuts.

One of the most fun summers of my life was the year Emil retired from the service and their family spent part of the summer camped in our yard while Emil looked for a job. It gave us a chance to get to know them better . I especially enjoyed time spent with Jeff and Brian as they did cool boy stuff and included me.

Thank you Nettie for being one of the best aunts ever.

Sally

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Sally - October 04, 2023 at 02:40 PM