



Betty Lou (nee: Krinke) Kremis

November 26, 1926 - January 11, 2011

RACINE - Betty Lou (nee: Krinke) Kremis, 84, passed away at Ridgewood Care Center on Tuesday January 11, 2011. Betty was born in Racine on November 26, 1926 the daughter of the late Harvey and Sadie (nee: Acklam) Krinke. Betty was a graduate of Washington Park High School 'Class of 1945' and went on to work at S.C. Johnson until her marriage to Joseph 'Joe' Kremis. They were married on June 14, 1948 at St. Casimir's Catholic Church in Kenosha, who preceded her in death on April 3, 2006. Betty and Joe traveled to Cuba, London, Paris, Switzerland, Italy, Hawaii, Bahamas and Mexico. She was a very active member of Holy Trinity Church and was Vice President of St. Cecilia Society. While at Holy Trinity when her sons were young, she was active with the Cub Scouts for many years. As her family grew up and participated in their farming enterprise she kept the books and did all the secretarial duties. In her 'spare' time she enjoyed bowling, golf and playing bridge, receiving many trophies and awards.

When their youngest son was diagnosed with C.P. and was of school age, Betty and Joe became very active with a group of mother's establishing a school for disabled children, called Children's House. It was held in the DeKoven Foundation, later to be known as Careers. As the ages of the children progressed, reaching high school age, the group started Careers, teaching basic learning and physical skills. She and her husband, Joe donated the use of the original Country Crafts farmhouse and later built a

ranch building enabling more clients to attend. The original Country Crafts changed their name to Careers Industries, now located on Douglas Avenue in Racine. They held many, many barn dances to help defer the cost of 'Careers', to the ever growing population of people with disabilities, through work, care and community action.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Todd Kremis, Victor Kremis, Debbie Kremis, Rodger (Katherine) Kremis and Kenneth Kremis; four grandchildren, Gregory Kremis, Annie Sanders, Nikki Navarro, and Joseph G. Kremis; one great grandson, Orion Klutz; brother, Harvey Krinke; and sister-in-law, Fae Krinke. Betty is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends in Racine and Kenosha.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Doris Csipkes, Marge Petersen, Janice Martin and sister-in-law, Irene Krinke.

Funeral services for Betty will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Monday, January 17, 2011 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Mark Swanson of Christ Church United Methodist officiating. Betty will be laid to rest next to her husband at West Lawn Memorial Park following services.

There will be a visitation at Sturino Funeral Home on Sunday, January 16, 2011 from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. and on Monday from 10 a.m. until service time at 11 a.m.

The Kremis family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to a rare personal friend, Jane and to ALL the other Ridgewood Staff for their exceptional care and compassion Betty received.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
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Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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