



## BEVERLY EUGENIA LINK

January 24, 1931 - October 5, 2021

Beverly E. Link passed away peacefully at Bethany St. Joseph Nursing Facility on October 5th, 2021. In the days prior to her passing she was able to stay connected with friends and family.

Beverly was born in Mayville Township on January 24th, 1931 to Raymond and Rhoda (Omoth) Link.

Beverly had 6 siblings: Robert (Mary Lovett) (Dolores Seekins) Link, Virginia May Link, Wilma (Donald) Nelson, Luverne (Shirley Wiese) Link, Janet (William) O'Hare, Shirley (Donald) Schwartzhoff, Betty (Virgil) Winjum.

She received all of her elementary education through St.Mary's Catholic School and high school instruction at Loretto High School.

Beverly began working as an operator at North Western Bell in Caledonia, MN on August 22, 1949. In 1953, she was promoted to Service Representative. In 1983, after the local office closed; Bev moved to Winona until her retirement from Ma Bell after 37 years of service. She loved her work with the phone company. She was known to many children as the "Phone Lady". She made many friendships over those years that would last a lifetime. Upon returning to Caledonia she worked as a bookkeeper for Comstock Trucking for 19 years.

Bev was a lifelong active member at St.Mary's Church in Caledonia. Her years

volunteering created some of her best memories. She worked in the parish office as a part-time secretary and the treasurer for the CCW program; Chairman and Co-chairman of the Funeral Unit; she counted money from collections 3 times a month for 14 years and taught religious education for many years. Her other hobbies included bowling, dancing, reading, and attending sporting events in which her nieces and nephews participated. Bev described herself as, "sports Nut".

As a single, smart, independent woman she inspired us all. Her kindness and confidence was something appreciated and noted by all of her nieces and nephews. There were not many places that you could travel where Beverly was not recognized by someone - reaching all the way to Wake Island in the Pacific. It was a common occurrence that she would hear a last name and trace it back to an aunt, uncle, grandparent or cousin; as though it was her own family tree.

One cannot mention Beverly without acknowledging her sister Wilma. Constant companions, they were an unstoppable team; as Beverly's health issues became complicated, Wilma was always there, allowing Bev her greatest wish which was to live at home for as long as possible which she did up until the last several weeks preceding her death. There are many others who were there for Beverly, but 3 very special friends that stood out for helping her achieve that goal: Betty Sawle, Sue Carpenter, and Diane Schuldt. They stepped up so many times in so many ways. The family cannot possibly thank them enough.

To the Caledonia Ambulance crew, your kind and caring ways did not go unnoticed. The Bethany St. Joseph staff in LaCrosse, you made Beverly's last days so comfortable and peaceful, we thank you also.

Beverly is survived by her sisters, Wilma Nelson, Janet (William) O'Hare

sister-in-law Dolores Link and several nieces and nephews.

Bob's children: Robert (Jenny) Link, Susan (Robert) Greving, Kathy (Allan) Gill, Paul (Connie) Link

Luverne's son: Kurt (Peggy) Link,

Shirley's children: JoAnn (Les) Winters, Steve (Angie) Schwartzhoff, Christine (Mark Hoppinjan) Schwartzhoff, Mark (Sally) Schwartzhoff, Pat (Kristine) Schwartzhoff, Larry (Katie) Schwartzhoff, Dana (Jason) Fish, Nicki (Ben) Read,

Janet's children: Tammy (Mike) Kuhn, Lori (Joe) Luna, Colleen (Scott) Garrels, Dan O'Hare. Jaye Albaugh (Greg O'Hare)

Betty's children: Scott Winjum, Jeff (Julie) Winjum, Tracy Schmitz, Troy (Jennifer) Winjum

She was preceded in death by her parents Raymond and Rhoda (Omoth) Link, her brothers Robert, and Luverne Link, sisters Virginia Mae, Shirley (and Donnie) Schwartzhoff, and Betty Winjum; one niece, Jean Link; two nephews, Greg O'Hare, and David Anthony Nelson; nephew-in-law (Paul Schmitz).

In lieu of flowers, donations for tuition at St. Mary's Catholic School or the church are appreciated.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 am on Friday, October 15, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Caledonia. Father Tom Jennings will officiate and burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Caledonia. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 am before the service at the church on Friday.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
513 S Pine St  
Caledonia, MN 55921  
(507) 725-3804

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lori Luna lit a candle in memory of BEVERLY EUGENIA LINK*



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**Lori Luna** - October 14, 2021 at 11:55 PM

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“ *Thinking of the Link family in the passing of “Bess”. She was a great lady & will be missed in the community.*

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**Dave & Wilma Schoh** - October 11, 2021 at 08:25 PM

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“ *Thinking of the Link family in the loss of their aunt, Bess. She was one of a kind & will be missed in the community. Our condolences are extended to you!*

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**Dave & Wilma Schoh** - October 10, 2021 at 10:50 AM

GJ

“ *We met Bev when she came to work in Winona for the telephone company. She was always so kind, full of stories and laughs. Next month is my birthday and Bev always called me on my birthday. I will miss that call very much. We loved Bev. May she rest in peace. Our sympathy to her family.*

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**Gerard & Marie Janikowski** - October 10, 2021 at 09:53 AM

CJ

“ *i grew up across the street from bev on winnabago st. i know she was very involved in the church funerals always there to help with the lunch. had a few chats with her in the past years. may she rest in peace. carol beth johnston*

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**carol johnston** - October 10, 2021 at 09:45 AM

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“ *But those who wait upon Lord  
Shall renew their strength;  
They shall mount up with wings like an eagle,  
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk  
and not faint. Isaiah 40:31*

*I will miss you Bev!*

*My sincere sympathy to you, her family. May God give you peace in your time of need. Teresa MacLeod*



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**Teresa MacLeod** - October 08, 2021 at 12:23 PM