



EILLEN MARY HOLZWARTH

December 18, 1926 - March 5, 2021

Eillen Mary Holzwarth of Brownsville passed away March 5, 2021 at Gundersen after a short illness. She was born on December 18, 1926 to John and Dorothy (Witt) Rohrer and was a lifelong resident of Brownsville. Many knew Eillen as “Toot”. Her Dad nicknamed her “Tootsie” when she was small and later family and friends called her “Toot”. She married Aaron Holzwarth on May 23, 1950. He passed away on December 30, 1968.

Mom attended Cosmetology School in La Crosse and after graduation worked for several years at the Marinello Salon in downtown La Crosse. She also managed her parent’s tavern in Brownsville for a time before she married.

Mom was the ultimate homemaker all through her life. She liked to keep her house and yard nice and tidy. She also enjoyed baking right up until the week before her illness. She shared many delicious cookies, cakes, and muffins with family and friends all through her years. After Dad passed away, Mom worked at the A&W Root Beer Stand as well as at her sister and brother in law’s store, Corcoran’s Grocery, both in Brownsville. In 1973 Mom began working at Ed Phillips & Sons in La Crosse and worked there for more than a dozen years.

Mom was a lifelong member of St. Patrick’s Church in Brownsville and enjoyed her involvement in St. Anne’s Circle. She was a member of the Auxiliary to VFW Post 6801 in Brownsville since 1965, serving as secretary for 20 years.

Mom is survived by her children and their spouses, Janet and John

Chamberlain of Ypsilanti, MI, John and Julie Holzwarth of Brownsville, and Joan and Calvin Mitchell of La Crescent. She is further survived by 9 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild. She cherished each and every one of them as they do her. She is also survived by sister-in-law Virginia Rohrer, and many nieces and nephews.

Mom was the oldest of her siblings Marcelin Corcoran, Ronald Rohrer, and Donald Rohrer. They all preceded her in death as did an infant grandson. We were lucky to have Mom for 94 plus years. She had a serious, strong, and independent spirit and we will forever love and miss her.

Our family would like to sincerely thank the Fitzpatrick family and Brickman's for being such great neighbors to Mom over the years. Thank you to the 6th floor Medical Oncology staff at Gundersen for the excellent care they provided Mom and our family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 1 PM on Saturday, May 29th, 2021, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Brownsville. Father John Evans will officiate and burial will be in Veteran's Cemetery, Brownsville. Visitation will be from 11:30 am to 1 pm before the service at the church. The service will be livestreamed on St. Patrick's Parish Facebook page.

We kindly request that masks be worn and social distancing practiced.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **29**. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St Patrick Parish
604 Adams St
Brownsville, MN 55919
(507) 482-6818

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of EILLEN MARY HOLZWARTH.*



May 26, 2021 at 09:27 AM



“ *Jim and Ruth Nissen purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of EILLEN MARY HOLZWARTH.*



Jim and Ruth Nissen - April 19, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ *We are sorry to learn of this wonderful lady passing on. I remember being new to the area and meeting her at Phillips in La Crosse where she worked. When she learned we were from Brownsville she went out of her way to help Chuck & I meet people in the area. I have thought of her kindness many times. Condolences to all of her dear family.*

Barb & Chuck Sell

Barb Sell - April 07, 2021 at 08:00 PM

BF

“ Dear Family! There are no words of comfort we can think of to say in your great loss of Eillen that could ease your pain you`re feeling or take the hurt away. But know that you are all very much in our thoughts and prayers. Dave &Brigitte

Brigitte Foellmi - April 02, 2021 at 10:11 AM

CH

“ So sorry for you loss. She was a wonderful lady that always brought happiness and great company. I will forever cherish my memories with her, growing up across the street and going to her house to swing outside. She always brought us some candy and told us great stories! You are all in my families thoughts and prayers.
Love, Chelsea Blank (Foellmi)

Chelsea - March 14, 2021 at 04:11 PM

JM

Chelsea, Mom loved that you kids came over to visit!

JOAN MITCHELL - March 18, 2021 at 01:04 AM

DK

“ Deepest sympathy to the Holzwarth family. Very sorry for your loss.

Duane Kinneberg - March 11, 2021 at 03:02 PM

JM

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Joan Mitchell - March 11, 2021 at 08:44 AM

JB

“ Grandma,

I will treasure every second I got to spend with you❤️. All of the bowls of ice cream we ate together, looking through all of your pictures with you, swinging on the swing with you and the yummy ham dinners you made for us when we came home❤️. I will love you always❤️.

Jenny



Jenny Bellows - March 10, 2021 at 01:22 AM

JM

Hugs, Jenny.

JOAN MITCHELL - March 10, 2021 at 11:57 PM

 Pat
Lemke

“ *Holzwarth family,*

So sorry for your loss! Cherish those wonderful memories! Wishing you peace & comfort in the coming days.

Bob & Pat Lemke

Pat Lemke - March 10, 2021 at 12:34 AM

JM

Thank you Pat and Bob.

JOAN MITCHELL - March 10, 2021 at 11:58 PM

BH

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Holzwarth family. Eileen was always a very gracious, kind and giving person. The Brownsville Community mourns her loss.

Barb and Dan Hurley

Barbara B Hurley - March 09, 2021 at 03:19 PM

LW

So very sorry how wonderful to have her so long I know you will cherish every memory hugs to you all love Lynn n Cary

Lunn wohlers - March 10, 2021 at 01:30 PM

JM

Thank you, Barb & Dan, and Lynn & Cary. We were so very lucky to have had Mom this long and will miss her dearly.

JOAN MITCHELL - March 10, 2021 at 11:59 PM

IT

Toot had so much class. She was always so kind & sincere. Brownsville has just lost a true lady. My deepest condolences to you & your family.

Pat & Irene Toomey

Irene Toomey - March 13, 2021 at 03:28 PM

JO

Thank you Irene & Pat.

Joan - March 31, 2021 at 12:22 AM