



## Bette J. Worm

February 9, 1925 - June 4, 2021

Bette J. Worm, 96, of Fond du Lac, passed away on Friday, June 4, 2021 at the Fond du Lac Lutheran Home, after a long life filled with adventure, friendship, and love.

She was born at the family home in Fond du Lac, on February 9, 1925, the daughter of Frank and Ada Priepke McCoy. Bette graduated from Goodrich High School in 1942. She attended the School of Nursing at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay, and worked as a nurse in Chicago and California during WWII. On July 24, 1948, she married Gordon A. Worm at Division Street Methodist Church.

In 1951, they built a house on the west shore of Lake Winnebago, where they raised their four children. Bette loved to garden and grew all kinds of plants and flowers and nurtured the wildlife along the lake shore. She loved the outdoors, taking family and friends on summer trips to the Embarrass River, hunting in the Northwoods, and fishing wherever she could get a pole in the water (making many friends along the way). Bette holds the family record for largest fish, a sturgeon she speared on Lake Winnebago.

Bette and Gordon owned Dana & Worm Pharmacy in Fond du Lac, running the business until their retirement. She was very active in the Wisconsin Pharmacy Association, serving as president of the Auxiliary from 1984 to

1985. She was also active in the Westshore Homemakers Club and served on the North Fond du Lac School Board. Bette was a life member of Covenant United Methodist Church in Fond du Lac. In retirement, she and Gordon were avid travelers, both internationally with trips to Australia, Europe, China, and Israel, as well as going on local “mystery trips” all over the Midwest. In her later years, Bette enjoyed golfing, playing cards, and volunteering at the Salvation Army (as well as having a Manhattan most days around dinner time).

She is survived by her children: Chris Worm of Fond du Lac, Jackie (Pete) Zoellner of Marshfield, Jeff (Darleen) Worm of Fond du Lac, and Joe (Deanna) Worm of Wrenshall, Minnesota; her grandchildren: Amanda Zoellner (Bryan Fink) of Minocqua, Wisconsin, Andrew Zoellner (Jill Kittock) of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Emily Worm (Arman Pirzad) of Denver, Colorado, and Rachel Worm (Matthew Woosley) of Woodbury, Minnesota; sisters-in-law, Beryl Worm of Battle Creek, Michigan and Joan McCoy of Fond du Lac.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her sister Dawn Bartelt and two brothers: Hugh McCoy and Tim McCoy.

VISITATION: Friends may call from 10:00 – 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at Covenant United Methodist Church, 20 North Marr Street, Fond du Lac.

SERVICE: Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at Covenant United Methodist Church, with Rev. Mary Balson officiating. Inurnment to follow at Rienzi Cemetery.

Memorials appreciated to the Salvation Army or Covenant United Methodist Church.

Special thanks to Marquardt Hospice for the care and concern shown to Bette and family.

# Cemetery Details

## Rienzi Cemetery

Fond du Lac, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Covenant United Methodist Church  
20 North Marr Street  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincere condolences to Bette's family. The first time I actually remember her is sitting behind Bette & Gordie on a senior bus trip. The first time my husband heard Bette speak, he was amazed by the sound of her voice. He always said she could have gone to Hollywood and worked at Disney -- they'd have loved her voice. After that, I started playing sheepshead with them at the Senior Center. The two of them were so very nice and devoted to each other. I think a little light went out in Bette when Gordie passed. The World would be a better place if there were more people like Bette & Gordie.*

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**Pat & Jack Law** - June 12, 2021 at 07:46 PM

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“ *So very sorry for your loss. Such a good soul always had a smile on her face. Loved working for her and Gordie*

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**sally yeager** - June 08, 2021 at 08:08 AM

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“ *I'm very sorry to hear of Betty's passing. She was my mother's cousin. I would have come to her funeral but unfortunately will be out of town that day. Again so sorry to hear.*

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**Janice (Klahn) Opatik** - June 07, 2021 at 10:48 AM