



## Betty Jane Mielke

August 31, 1930 - December 8, 2012

Betty Jane Mielke, 82, of Fond du Lac, died Saturday, December 8, 2012, at home. She was born on August 31, 1930, in Fond du Lac, a daughter of Raymond and Bernett May Rohde. Betty Jane graduated from Goodrich Senior High School in 1948. On September 17, 1949, she married Niles M. Mielke at Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. John H. Becker officiating. Betty was a member of Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church. Betty was an indomitable spirit. Despite her handicap as a result of polio, she never gave into self-pity. She found unconventional ways for accomplishing everyday tasks making the most of her abilities. She is now with her loving husband, Niles. She is survived by two children: Susan (Phil) Midland of Earlysville, Virginia and Rick (Carol) Mielke of Fond du Lac; four grandchildren: Brett Mielke, Daniel Mielke, Julia Midland, and Douglas Midland; a sister-in-law, Rita Rohde; and two brothers-in-law: Gerald (Rita) Mielke, and Florian Zimdars. She is further survived by many beloved nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Niles; a brother, William Rohde; and a sister-in-law, Shirley Zimdars. The funeral service and entombment will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 15, 2012, at Shrine of Rest Mausoleum, in Ledgeview Memorial Park, N6250 County Trunk K, Fond du Lac, with Rev. Shari Routh officiating. The visitation will be from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 14, 2012, at Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 31 E. Division Street, Fond du Lac, and on Saturday at the mausoleum from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church Accessibility Fund or the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the eradication of polio at [www.gatesfoundation.org](http://www.gatesfoundation.org). The family would like to extend a special thank you to the many caregivers who made it possible for Betty to live at home.