



## Betty Jane Walser

November 21, 1927 - March 27, 2018

Betty Jane Walser, 90, of Fond du Lac, peacefully entered eternal life on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at St. Francis Home.

She was born on November 21, 1927, in Oklahoma City, OK, the daughter of Carl E. and Mabel L. Korth Pelzer. She graduated High School in Jefferson Cty, WI and received her Bachelor of Science Degree, Occupational Therapy from UW Madison. She married Verlyn Raymond Walser on June 18, 1949 in the Town of Oakland, Jefferson Cty, WI. She and Verlyn started their family in Middleton, WI, moved to Fond Du Lac, and later retired in San Benito, TX. He preceded her in death on May 6, 1988.

Betty worked as an Occupational Therapist at St. Agnes Hospital. She was a member of Order of Eastern Star of Middleton, WI and Lakeside Twirler's Square Dance Club of Fond du Lac. She lived her life to the fullest crafting, sewing, and entertaining. She created and gifted thousands of Christmas cards, holiday décor, and table favors. She sewed gowns, did upholstery, cooked, printed recipe books and brochures for many events.

She is survived by four children: John (Emmie) Walser of Shannon, MS, Richard Walser of Fond du Lac, Steven Walser of Fond du Lac and Mary (Henry) Lavrenz of Fond du Lac; five grandchildren: Angela Tucker, Brett (Shelby) Walser, David (Colleen) Walser, Dan (Rena) Lavrenz and Katelyn

Lavrenz; four great-grandchildren: Charles Tucker, Brandon Knudson, Shay Lavrenz and Noah Lavrenz and one great-great-grandchild Elizabeth Tucker.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Verlyn.

Betty's family would like to thank her friend Barbara Hartl, Sister Marianna, and the staff at St. Francis Home for the compassionate care they provided Betty.

A visitation will be held on April 22, 2018 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and a memorial service to follow at 4:00 p.m. at Kurki-Mach Funeral Chapel, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory  
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Fond du Lac, WI 54935  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

“ Betty Walser, aside from my parents was by far the single most influential person in my life. I will forever consider her my mentor. I was in 4th grade when my parents, Vernon & Gladys Flood started to square dance. Really, the entire square dance community was a blessing to my family. In particular, very quickly Betty and Vern became fast friends to my parents. If Betty and Mom were not crafting they were fabric or thrift store shopping together. Dad and Verlyn, well, they just plain got along.

In some ways I think Betty, Verlyn, Gladys and Vernon were destined to be good friend. After being invited to the Walser's home the first time, Verlyn was giving my dad directions to their house. It just so happened that the directions were leading him toward my Mom's child hood farm. Infact, the house was on the actual farm land. When Verlyn stated you can tell which house it is, as it has a wishing well flower box in the front yard. My Dad simply said, I know exactly what house it is. My eldest son Mike made that wishing well for his godmother and Aunt. You must be living in Gladys sister home.

I learned many life lessons from spending time with Betty. My mom was a great cook and I learned how to cook for a large crowd, just by nature of being one of 10 kids. But from Betty, I learned how to entertain. No one threw a better dinner than Betty, food and entertainment were done in a serious and thoughtful manner. Betty always had the best recipes. To this day, barely a week goes by when I don't pull out one of these homemade cookbooks, because they have my favorite recipes in them.

In high school and college, I would often go help Betty prep and serve for her and Verlyn's parties. A day or 2 before the event I would walk into her house and think it was a disaster, but it was organized disaster and I never saw her miss a deadline.

Most importantly, Betty introduced me to the world of Occupational Therapy. I always knew I wanted to go to College and have a career, but also a family. I truly love the work I do as an Occupational Therapist. It was Betty who not only told me about career itself, but the flexibility of work life balance it could provide. I think just like Betty, during my work life as an OT I have worked full

*time, part time and pre-diem casual. Adjusting my schedule to fit my family's needs.*

*Some of my personal fond memories with Betty were camping at Waupun, Square Dancing, hanging out with Snow birds in Texas, playing dominos, prepping for parties and Crafting, always crafting. I am 100% sure Betty has meet up with Verlyn and my parents as well as few other square dancer friends in heaven and has organized a square dance convention or a well thought out dinner party. Thank you, Walser family, for sharing your Mom and Dad with the Flood family. Your Mom and Dad were very important to all us Flood kids, not just me. We all enjoyed spending time with Betty and Vern, to put it simply, they were fun to be with.*

*Carol Roller*

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**Carol Roller** - April 22, 2018 at 02:32 PM

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“*Betty my sister in law was a warm fun person. The first time I met her when I first married into the family she welcomed me with open arms and made me feel a part of the Walser family. Many good times through the years made me love her more. The world has lost a person who we will all remember as Mrs craft . She was always collecting “good items” to make something out of.*

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**Jean Walser** - April 17, 2018 at 06:10 PM