



Beatrice L. "Boots" Mills

March 28, 1928 - June 15, 2023

Beatrice L. "Boots" Mills, 95, of Aurora, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at Maryhill Manor. It was a peaceful transition as she was praising the Lord and surrounded by her beloved family.

Beatrice was born March 28, 1928 in Mount Pleasant, WI, daughter of the late Frank and Thelma (Broeg) Wolsker. She married George Douglas "Doug" Mills on Sept. 30, 1950, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Aurora, WI. He preceded her in death in 2008. Boots was well known in the area as she was active in the community and had an outgoing personality. She enjoyed helping others whether it was teaching her students at Hillcrest School as an aide or caring for the elderly when she worked at ManorCare. She was quite the vocalist and enjoyed singing hymns solo and with the church choir at Sacred Heart in Aurora and St. Anthony in Niagara. Boots will be greatly missed by all those whose life she touched.

She is survived by four daughters, Frances (Tony) Mitchem, Kathleen (Leonard) Martin, Ann Broullire and Christine (Eric) Christesen; two sons, George (Dawn) Mills II and Joseph (Sue) Mills; two sisters, Lucille Fiegel and Frances (Larry) Brownell; a sister-in-law, Frances Wolsker; grandchildren, Chad Smeester (Lisa Kitzman), LeAna Lindquist, Brandon Smeester (Bobbie Jean Bath), Joseph (Melissa) Testolin, Krystal (Doug) DeWitt, Kurt Martin (Holly Lindstrom), Lenny (Sarah) Martin, Brooke Martin (Bob Milan), Lindsey

(Adam) Valeski, Jason Mills, Joshua Mills (Cathy Dallapiazza), Nick (Ali) Jacobson, Doug Jacobson, Dina (Dennis) Aho, Emily LeQuia (Brian Moore), Ray (Dione) Mills, Jessica (Travis) Linskens, Teresa (Brent) Pataconi, Eddie (Cassie) Mills, Sarah Mills (Matt Oleksy), Jenah Mills, Michael (Katie) Christesen and Carissa Christesen; 45 great grandchildren, seven great-great grandchildren with three more due this year; and many nieces and nephews.

Boots dearly loved each of her many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren and all were the joy of her life. She would light up when any of them came into the room.

In addition to her parents and husband, Boots was also preceded in death by her step-mother, Mary (Goles) Wolsker; a son, Thomas D. Mills; infant twin daughters, Rose Ann & Mary Ann Mills; brothers, Frank Jr., Donald & Jim Wolsker; a sister, Patricia Michaud; a son-in-law, Todd Broullire; a granddaughter, Haley Broullire; infant great-granddaughter, Gabriella Grace Christesen; a great-grandson, Lance Martin; a great-granddaughter, Rayanne Mills; three sisters-in-law, Shirley Wolsker, Bonnie Mills Doggett and Beatrice Flesch Malmberg; and a brother-in-law, Edward Mills.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 pm on Monday, June 26 at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, June 27th at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Aurora, WI. Fr. Quentin Mann will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. A luncheon at the C&R will follow. Burial will be in Homestead-Aurora Cemetery.

The family would like to take the time to thank all of those who supported and took such good care of our mother at Maryhill Manor. You are all greatly appreciated! Mom often commented on how well she was cared for and was very grateful.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Boots Mills online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Homestead-Aurora Cemetery

1372 Osterberg Parkway
Niagara, WI 54151

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
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<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Mass

JUN 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
1432 River St.
Aurora, WI 54151

Tribute Wall

TS

“ *For all my cousins...Bootsie was a very special lady. So glad we were able to get the 1st cousins together again the past few years. I cannot make it to cherish her passing but please know you are all in my heart and prayers. Much love, Terri Sorg.*

Terri Sorg - June 26, 2023 at 02:23 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beatrice L. "Boots" Mills.*



June 23, 2023 at 10:35 AM

AW

“ *So sorry to hear the news of Aunt Boots' passing - we know she had a strong faith and are sure she is in Heaven now with all her loved ones who passed before; may that give you comfort at this time of grieving and loss here on earth - until we all meet again; much love - April (Fiegel) & Mike Webb & Family*



April Webb - June 21, 2023 at 05:22 PM

MF

“ Much Love from The Ketarkus Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Beatrice L. "Boots" Mills.



Much Love from The Ketarkus Family - June 20, 2023 at 02:29 PM

MF

“ Much Love from The Ketarkus Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beatrice L. "Boots" Mills.

Much Love from The Ketarkus Family - June 20, 2023 at 02:29 PM

BM

“ We are so sorry for your loss, but if anyone is close to the Lord, it's Bootsie :) We prayed together more times than I can count. Your Mom and Dad were regular Friday night visitors at our house back in the 90's. I wish I could bring back those times and all the laughs we had at the kitchen table. And now, my heart goes out to all of you. Bless you all. Sean and Bonnie

Bonnie Mackin - June 19, 2023 at 09:24 PM

CM

“*Fran and Kathy, you are the two I remember most. The others were so little or not yet born in my memories. I loved being on the farm when we were little. I hated peas (still do) but so loved going in the field with you and eating them raw. Picking blueberries. Having your dad lift me up on a cow in the barn after our baths. We had sneaked out and down to the barn. The smell of your dad’s pipe. I can still see him holding it smiling. Your mom was so very good to me even though I am sure I was a terror. Kathy, for some reason I think it was the two of us that always got into trouble.*

I live in Nevada now just south of Las Vegas so I will not be able to attend your mom’s celebration of life. It meant so very much to me and my siblings that you came down for my Mom’s. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Much Love, CeCe Ketarkus Metzger



CeCe Ketarkus Metzger - June 19, 2023 at 07:42 PM



It really did mean a lot to see you girls at my Mom's funeral. Echoing CeCe's thought about your younger siblings, I don't share the memories she and Denny have, but family is family, and I know how much Boots meant to my Mom and Aunt Helen. It's so hard to say goodbye to our Moms, so I'm sending your family love, hugs, and prayers. I also live in Nevada with CeCe so I won't be able to attend. But I'll be there in spirit. God bless.

Marcia Tomka - June 19, 2023 at 09:19 PM