



## Beverly Meeuwsen

February 4, 1927 - June 19, 2019

Beverly J. Meeuwsen, 92, of De Pere, Wisconsin, passed away on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at Evergreen Assisted Living in Kingsford, Michigan.

She was born February 4, 1927 in Milwaukee, WI, daughter of the late Hazel (Pederson) and Mel Anderson and she was the last of seven children.

Bev graduated from East De Pere High School in 1945. She married Joseph G. Meeuwsen on June 12, 1948 and was happily married for 64 years. Bev was employed as an Administrative Secretary for the East De Pere School District, retiring in 1989.

Joe preceded her in death in 2012. Bev is survived by four children, Terry (Andy) Friedrich of Chesapeake, VA, Judie (Jim) Harvey of Raleigh, NC, Joe (Carrie) Meeuwsen of Iron Mountain and Peter Meeuwsen (Joan Jarstad) of Suamico, WI; 16 grandchildren, Drew Friedrich, Tory Breland, J.P. Friedrich, Tyler Friedrich, Alysa Beaumont, Zoya Stoudenmire, Sophia Friedrich, Jennifer Mayo, Justin Harvey, Megan Guindon, John Meeuwsen, Lexie Meeuwsen, Jake Meeuwsen, Boris Meeuwsen, Peter Meeuwsen and Rhiannon Meeuwsen; nine great grandchildren, Isabella, Drew, J.J., Sydney, Zarena, Campbell, Jackson, Cedric & Veda; and many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

She has deposited her light in all of us so it will never go out. With every game of Charades or Rummy Cube the light shines brighter. She has taught us to love each other and welcome others into our circle! We are her legacy and aren't we thankful that she took the time to invest in each of us over and over again. She was the best, she is the best, and she will always hold that place in our hearts. A mother's love never ends...it goes on in her family forever and ever! Thank you Lord for the gift of this kind, loving, funny, brave mom who always has given her all! We are blessed!

"She is a woman of strength and dignity...her words are wise and kindness is the rule for everything she says. Her children rise up and call her blessed." Ps. 31

Private family services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made in Beverly's memory to [orphanspromise.org](http://orphanspromise.org)

The family would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to all the staff at Evergreen Assisted Living for the loving care and assistance they gave Bev over the years.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Beverly J. Meeuwsen online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Tribute Wall

HT

“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of Beverly - i have very fond memories of a special person during my year (1983) as an au pair with daughter Judies family. R.I.P.♥♥ / Helen Tanged, Sweden



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Helen Tanged - April 16, 2020 at 05:21 PM

ML

“ I was fortunate enough to grow up in De Pere and to find my way to the Meeuwsen household. What a welcoming and loving family! Children who were your friends and parents who cared about you as if you were their own. At the heart of it all, was this dear woman, a woman of great grace, wit and humor. I still remember her laugh! It was easy to get lost in the 1960's, but Bev and Joe made sure that didn't happen. My sadness over Bev's passing is calmed by oh so many wonderful memories of this great lady and my sympathy goes out to her entire family.

Mark E. Lefebvre

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Mark E. Lefebvre - July 16, 2019 at 11:53 AM

RK

“ Terry, Judie, Joe and Pete,

I am very sorry to hear your mom, Bev, passed away. What a great lady. I will always remember the great smile your mom always had and how kind she was to ALL. The four of you had the greatest parents.

Rod Kowalczyk

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Rod Kowalczyk - June 30, 2019 at 04:29 PM

JH

*Rod..just seeing this..thank you for the post. Mother was such an example to us all..we were very blessed! She had a good long life! Hope you are well!*

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**Judie Harvey** - June 30, 2019 at 10:24 PM

DP

“ *Sending our sincerest sympathies to you all. What a lovely woman and shining light we have lost. Her spirit lives on in all of you. I am sure Ruth and Jack will show her around. The Parmentier and Deborah Van Dyk families.*

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**David Parmentier** - June 27, 2019 at 09:11 AM

JH

*Parmentiers..thank you for your note!!! We have all said there was a great reunion the day mom went Home!*

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**Judie Harvey** - June 30, 2019 at 10:26 PM

BM

“ *Dear Terry, Judy, Joe and Pete, So very sorry to hear of your mothers passing. You were so blessed to have had the greatest parents of all time. They were super. Loved growing up in the Anderson Apartment building with all of you. Those early years were so special. So many memories of all our parents together and Hazel and Mel. Much love to all of you and your families. Bridget (Mc Cabe) and Paul Matzke*

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**Bridget Matzke** - June 25, 2019 at 11:54 PM

JH

*Bridget and Paul,  
Thank you for your post! We were truly blessed with awesome parents!  
Terry and I went to De Pete on our way out of town and went by the  
apartment building and talked about our great memories! Can't even  
imagine what heaven was like the day mom went Home but there were  
many people reunited!! Hope you are well..love to you!*

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**Judie Harvey** - June 30, 2019 at 10:32 PM

IT

“*Bev was such a beautiful friend! I worked with her at WPS in Green  
Bay before she married Joe. I cherish the times we spent together.  
Joe was so special also. We were so happy for them when Terry  
was named Miss America. We Would cross paths over the years  
and she would always give me a big hug. I still look for the 700 Club  
on occasion to see how Terry is doing. God bless them all. Such  
good memories!*

*Inez Raaths Troge*

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**Inez Troge** - June 25, 2019 at 08:50 PM

JH

*Inez...wow! That was a long time ago you worked with mom! How kind  
of you to post a tribute to mom and dad. We were very blessed with  
wonderful parents..blessings to you!*

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**Judie Harvey** - June 30, 2019 at 10:34 PM

KJ

“*Your mother was a beautiful woman inside and out! Sending love to  
your family and please know that she will be remembered so fondly  
by the "Growt kids". I was always amazed that no matter where I  
would see your parents, they would always recognize me  
immediately and greet me with big hugs! I will miss that! God bless  
both Joe and Bev and may they be together again in heaven. Kate  
Janssen*

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**Kate Janssen** - June 25, 2019 at 11:11 AM

GH

“ As a student at East De Pere High School I was extremely lucky to work in the business office with Mrs. Meeuwesen. She was a great lady. Always took time to explain things thoroughly and was the kindest person. I graduated in 1971 but a lot of what she taught me has carried through into my life.

*Gertie (Van De Walle) Haese*

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**Gertie Haese** - June 24, 2019 at 12:29 PM

JH

*Gertie..thank you for your note about mom..she was an amazing woman and loved all of her years working at the high school! We were blessed to call her mother!*

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**Judie Harvey** - June 30, 2019 at 10:38 PM

BC

“ All I remember always a smile and her cute laugh. And helping her with all the extras to help Terry once she got her Miss America crown. Bev was so kind and loving and her looks haven't changed a bit. Bev say hi to my hubby when you get up "there."  
*Barb Smith Cowan*

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**Barbara K Cowan** - June 22, 2019 at 03:26 PM

JH

*Barb..mother was an amazing woman..she loved all with a pure love! We were surely blessed! Thank you for your post!*

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**Judie Harvey** - June 30, 2019 at 10:41 PM

SC

“ So sorry for your family’s loss of such a wonderful, kind, fun woman. Bev and Joe were the best neighbors anyone could ask for. We just were wondering how Bev was doing. She will now be reunited with the love of her life. Great memories.  
Cliff and Shirley Christl

shirley chtistl - June 22, 2019 at 12:18 PM

JH

Oh Cliff and Shirley..they just loved being your neighbors also! Mom had a good long life but she was more than ready to see her Jesus and join dad! We were blessed with wonderful parents! I Hope you both are well. Thank you for your post!

Judie Harvey - June 30, 2019 at 10:45 PM

MA

“ I am fortunate enough to have grown up around the Meeuwsens. Bev was always kind to all the kids in the neighborhood. And she put up with our garage band noise. It wasn't really music. See you on the other side.

Mike Gerke and Pam Aerts - June 22, 2019 at 12:47 AM

LJ

I haven't seen Bev in 10 years, when mom and my two sisters, Joy and Connie met them at the Union hotel for lunch. Bev and Joe and family were a big part of my life in DePere. Mom and Bev told us many stories of the days of 3 of them, with Barb, and there teenage hijinks.. I send all my love to Terry, Judy, Joey and Pete ❤️❤️

Linda Johnson - June 22, 2019 at 10:05 AM

LJ

I just remembered. mom and I drove up in 2012 to see Bev and Pete at her house in west depere. They were like school girls, reminiscing. So glad mom had that time with her.....❤️

Linda Johnson - June 22, 2019 at 10:26 AM

PD

*John and I are so sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. I have many wonderful memories of Aunt Bev when were growing up together. She lives on in you.*

*Pat Van Deurzen*

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**Pat Van Deurzen** - June 23, 2019 at 10:24 AM

DH

*Joe, Carrie and Pete and all who loved her my thoughts and prayers are with you all. She sounds like an amazing women.*

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**Diane Hulbert** - June 26, 2019 at 03:12 PM