



Beverly St. Arnauld DesJardins

December 12, 1926 - December 21, 2020

Beverly St. Arnauld DesJardins 94 passed on to her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, December 21, 2020, at her son Bruce's home surrounded by her family.

Beverly was born December 12, 1926 in Amberg, Wisconsin to Harry and Lena (Gloczin) Coons. As a young child, her family moved to Niagara when her Dad got a job at Kimberly Clark. As an elementary student, she attended the Thomson one room schoolhouse, and then she attended the Shattuck Elementary School in Niagara. She graduated from Niagara High School in 1944. She was the last survivor of the Class of 1944. After graduation, she worked as a secretary at Kimberly Clark from 1945-1954. One winter night at a dance at the Chippewa Club, she met a handsome young man, Bert St Arnauld, whose friends Chin Fornetti and Don Ring urged him to ask her to dance. That dance led to a courtship for the next three years. In 1947, Bev married Bert in the Niagara Protestant Church. In 1965 she was hired by Ed Doucette to be the secretary to the Superintendent of the Niagara School District. Her career with the school district spanned 24 years with her retirement in 1989 under superintendent Sam Welcher. Bev and Bert had three sons: Dan (Lefty), Bruce and Robert. Bev was very proud of her sons. She attended many games played by all three boys whether it was baseball, football, basketball and softball. When Dan became the head football coach at Niagara, she made it a point to attend his games rain or shine, first with Bert

then with her son Bruce. She made frequent stops at her son Bruce's St Arnauld's restaurant and then later, his bar and grill The Big 10 Sports Bar. Robert and his wife Cathy lived in Arizona, and ten years ago they moved to Nashville. Bev loved to travel to Nashville and visit them as often as she could. She also loved going to the Grand Ole Opry and Tootsies on Broadway Street.

Beverly loved sports. When she met Bert she knew nothing about sports, so Bert taught her about baseball and football. Though Bert was a Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions fan, Bev became an avid Packer fan and a Chicago Cubs fan. She and Bert picked up golfing when they were both in their fifties. She golfed until she was in her early 80's and only quit the game when her macular wouldn't allow her to see the ball anymore. She was a huge Phil Mickleson fan and always hoped that he would do well in tournaments. One of her bucket list items was seeing a game at Wrigley Field. Seven years ago her granddaughter Kristi arranged to get tickets, and they attended a game. After the game they went to Ditka's Restaurant where she met Coach Mike Ditka and got a picture with him. She was also a huge fan of the Wisconsin Badgers, especially the football and basketball teams. Her number one team, however, was the Niagara Badgers. Bev was extremely proud to hold the 2006 title of being Niagara's #1 fan. She attended games in the 1960s, watched her sons play football, basketball and baseball, and tirelessly followed her son Dan and his wife Carol as they coached the Niagara varsity football and volleyball teams. In 1983, while watching a varsity game her son Dan was coaching, Bev lost her beloved husband Bert when he passed away on the Wausaukee football field while taking stats on the sidelines. Bev's resilience to losing the love of her life was inspiring. In her words, "I am not going to be one of those widows who turns down invitations to go places. If I do, people will stop asking me to go places. So, I will not be afraid of being a third wheel." It was at one of these invitations she met Roland "Bummy" DesJardins. Bummy had lost his wife as well, and they both hit it off. They

were married in 1988. They really made a great couple, and they did so many things together. Of course she dragged Bummy along to many of the Badger games. When Bummy passed away in 1999, she continued to be active in many activities. She was a member of Oak Crest and golfed in the ladies league. She also bowled in the Ladies bowling league, sang with the Smile Awhiles, and was a member of the Woman's Club. Up until COVID-19 hit our country, she would meet once a month with her AWOL group. This was a group of women whom she worked with at Kimberly Clark. Once a month she would attend the retired teachers luncheon and maybe her favorite time was the luncheon with the women of the Red Hat Society. She was elected First Lady of Niagara in 2003.

She was a proud member of Riverside United Methodist Church where she was a longtime member of the choir. She participated in many volunteer functions for the church as well.

Bev was extremely talented. She loved making fantastic ceramic creations, especially Christmas themed pieces. She painted many oil paintings, played the Hawaiian guitar, an acoustic guitar, and she could yodel with the best of them. She also performed in two Niagara Community musicals: Finian's Rainbow and The Music Man.

Bev was blessed with two wonderful husbands, three loving sons and a warm and loving family. She is survived by Dan "Lefty" (Carol) St. Arnauld of Spread Eagle, Bruce (Betsy) St. Arnauld of Niagara, and Robert (Cathy) St. Arnauld of Nashville, Tennessee; eight grandchildren, Dawn Allen, Bobbie Jean (Jon) Hurth, Kristi St Arnauld, Tim (Nikki) Carter, Kevin (Brooke) St. Arnauld, Bret (Kayla) St. Arnauld, Ian Shampo and Corrina Shampo; and thirteen great-grandchildren, Everett, Braden. Hope, Colton, Preston, Aubree, Adalyn, Gabe, Josie, Bexley, Baylor and Jaxson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Lena Coons; her husband, Bert and husband, Roland; her sister, Beatrice Van Handel; granddaughter, Jennifer; and great-grandson, Charles.

The family would like to thank Unity Hospice from De Pere for their wonderful service and treatment of our mother. Andrea Hurkmans Giliberto made Mom's final three weeks so peaceful and comforting. Mom had three couples who were her guardian angels here on earth. Rich and Carol Kinsella, her next door neighbors, were always there for her when she needed help, especially after Bummy passed away. Lynn and Billy Burke would do anything for Mom, whether it be taking her to a doctor appointment or just to take her, and usually Jean Hendricks, to the grocery store to get pizza or just bring food down to her house for supper. Debbie and Dave Pajula helped her with her finances, as Mom couldn't see, so she would organize her checkbook and write checks out to pay her bills. When she couldn't get a hold of Dan or Bruce, Dave would help her get her television back on when she would hit a wrong button, and apparently Dave was the only one who could change the battery on her talking watch.

She lived a beautiful life and her carefree spirit was apparent to anyone who knew her. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Visitation will be 9:00 am - 11:00 am on Saturday, June 19, 2021, at Riverside United Methodist Church in Niagara. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 am at the church. Pastor John Henry Yoap will officiate. Burial will be in the Niagara Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Beverly St. Arnauld DesJardins may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Niagara Cemetery

Washington St.
Niagara, WI 54151

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Riverside United Methodist Church
1957 River Street
Niagara, WI 54151

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

PA

“ My deepest sympathy on the passing of your Mom. She was a wonderful lady. I always enjoyed visiting with her and Bummy. They were so blessed to have found each other. I will cherish my memories of them both. God Bless 🙏 Patti Amicangelo- Campbell

Patti Amicangelo-Campbell - June 14, 2021 at 06:23 PM

GG

“ I have very fond memories of Bev, Bert (and Bummy) from my youth/ formative years growing up in Niagara. Bev was always so supportive of all of us in sports, she even encouraged our Niagara Braves' Little League team, even though her son: Lefty was on the Niagara Badgers' Little League team----- we could hear her cheering for ANY young'n out there playing sports and representing a Niagara team. Of course, I can't forget her beloved Bert and all the ref'ing of games he did, as well as help directly/ indirectly with coaching (and scouting for football games (he helped my Senior/ Lefty's Junior year at Niagara High School when "our" team won the M/O conference the first year of Marv Ropele Stadium. My/our sincere sympathy and prayers go out to the three "boys" and family, but knowing that their beloved Mom: Bev is enjoying Heaven/ her Eternal reward for the GRACE she has/had for her firm belief in Jesus, our LORD and SAVIOR. Please remember to celebrate an incredible Christian woman who lived life to the fullest/ GOD Bless. Gary and Naomi Greene, Phoenix, Arizona

Gary H Greene - December 28, 2020 at 04:01 PM

RW

“ Dan, Bruce, Bob and family, your mother always brought a warm greeting and smile. I remember well the duets Beverly and Charlotte would practice and perform at The Union Protestant Church (your Mom soprano and mine alto). Lots of fond memories growing up in the neighborhood.
Best wishes,
Rick Wicklund

Rick Wicklund - December 28, 2020 at 08:35 AM

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“ i knew Bev for 9 yrs,as we delivered her paper to her.i also went to church with her.She was such a kind and loving lady,who will be truely missed.

Valerie Syniec - December 27, 2020 at 04:25 PM

JG

“ My deepest sympathies for your loss. Bev was one of the sweetest ladies anyone could ever have had the pleasure of knowing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.

Jenni Giguere - December 27, 2020 at 10:09 AM

LR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bev was a wonderful lady and a ray of sunshine to all. She lived a very good life and I was happy to call her a friend. RIP
Linda Rostagno, Chris and Sarah Lange

Linda Rostagno - December 24, 2020 at 03:08 PM

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“ Dan, Bruce, Bob and the entire family, my deepest sympathy of Bev's passing. God Bless her. What a truly remarkable woman. Always that cheery disposition offering that one last ray of hope to everyone she met. Heaven indeed gained an Angel. May God's love comfort you all during this difficult time and may your many, many memories of your Mom keep you smiling. God's speed Bev.

Kathy O'Connell

Kathy O'Connell - December 23, 2020 at 03:30 PM