



Hazel A. Vasecka

October 17, 1920 - October 11, 2016

Hazel Vasecka, 95 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at Diamond Willow in Little Falls. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 A.M. on Monday, October 17, 2016 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN. Burial will take place in Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples, MN. A visitation will be held from 4-7 P.M. on Sunday and from 10-11 A.M. on Monday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. A parish prayer service will be held at 6:30 P.M. on Sunday evening at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Hazel Buckingham was the second oldest of nine children born to Donald and Alice Buckingham on October 17, 1920. She attended country school through the eighth grade. After graduating from Park Rapids High School, she attended one year of normal teacher training. She accepted her first teaching position at the age of 17 in the rural school district #40 in Wadena County, MN. After teaching in five rural schools, she continued her 40 year teaching career at the Motley and Verndale Public Schools, where she was awarded teacher of the year in 1979. Her pioneering spirit and life-long quest for learning was an inspiration to all who knew her.

Hazel lived her Christian faith everyday by her generosity, kindness, good humor, and passion for helping those most in need. She shared her special talents as an accomplished seamstress, quilt maker, gardener and gifted

many with her homemade lemon meringue pies. Up until 1994, she was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples, MN where she served in the Mission Group and chaired the funeral lunch committee for many years. She has been a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls for the past 20 years. She was also a member of MEA, NEA and the VFW Auxiliary.

Hazel's greatest joys were her loving family and being able to help anyone in need. Her legacy will live on in the life lessons she taught us everyday. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Hazel is survived by her daughters, Peggy (Charlie) Martin of Little Falls, MN and Deb (Chuck) Schey of Lake Shore, MN; sisters, Dorothy Huggett of Portland, OR and Laura Burton of Embarrass, MN; grandchildren, Gina (Chris) Daniels, Jennifer (Keith) Miley, Maria (Jon) Gayken, Paul (Megan) Martin and Matthew Martin; great-grandchildren, Hannah and Grant Miley, Kennedy, Riah, Ayla and Colton Gayken.

Hazel was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard J. Vasecka; infant son, Bernard; daughter, Patricia Madzo; brothers, Donald and Robert; and sisters, Gladys, Esther, Norma and Bertha.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Unity Family Hospice, Minnesota State Services for the Blind and St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Hill Cemetery

Staples, MN

Previous Events

Service

OCT 17. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Little Falls
305 4th Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Hazel A. Vasecka*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - October 14, 2016 at 10:14 AM



“ *Hazel A. Vasecka*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Hazel was such an inspiring teacher. I am thankful to have had her as a teacher. One of my favorite memories is going out to Bernard and Hazels' and getting our Christmas tree at Christmas time when we were kids. My sympathy to her entire family. She will be missed.*
Barb Masog

Barb Masog - October 19, 2016 at 05:07 AM



“ *Mrs Vasecka was one of my favorite teachers. She was so giving and kind, I will always remember her. She had a huge personality and I think touched all who she taught. I know my class has a Facebook page and there were many tributes to her on that as well.*
Jim Davis

Jim Davis - October 18, 2016 at 12:57 PM

PM

Hi Jim, How could we find the facebook page that you are talking about? Peggy

Peggy Martin - October 19, 2016 at 07:06 PM

SB

“ *I had Mrs. Vasecka for a teacher in Verndale. I have many great memories of her. Our family was just talking about her. One of the funny things that I remember, this was in the 60's, was that at dances she would walk around with a clipboard and if she could not get the clipboard between you and your partner you were dancing too close. I always had a great deal of respect for her not only as a teacher but as a person. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Sharon Davis Brincefield - October 18, 2016 at 11:05 AM

KS

“ *Kristin Seelen and family*



Kristin Seelen - October 16, 2016 at 09:04 PM

MM

“ *Dear Deb, Chuck and Family of Hazel: Watching your tribute of pictures of your Mom, we feel so blessed to be counted as Family friends for over 20 years. We see and caught a glimpse, in Hazel, of a deep love and passion for life, learning, teaching, caring, and most of all, loving. That is her legacy. We ask the Lord's blessing on her soul and that the sweet, lovely memories and lessons Hazel taught will live on in all of her generations to come. Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. Mary Jo & Tim McCarthy*

Mary Jo & Tim McCarthy - October 16, 2016 at 01:57 PM

FJ

“Peggy and Debbie and family, I am so sorry for the loss of Hazel. She was an inspiration to me as a child. I wanted accomplishments like she had in life. It was always a pleasure to go to her house when I was a child. She raised some beautiful children and I hope your happy memories of time spent with her will comfort you. God Bless. Fran Vasecka Judd

Frances Judd - October 15, 2016 at 12:46 PM

BB

“Dear Peggy, Charlie, Deb, Chuck and family. What a beautiful Tribute Video to honor Hazel. She has left behind a wonderful legacy. Her sprit will live on in all of you as you continue your own journey through life. She was an awesome woman and I feel privileged to have known her. God bless you during these days of sadness. May you experience a sense of peace knowing she is resting safely in God's arms. Love, Bea Britz

Bea Britz - October 15, 2016 at 09:42 AM

BP

“Dear Peggy, Deb and families, I am so sorry for you and yours. May God comfort you in your grief.
I will see you on Sunday, Barb Peterson



Barbara Peterson - October 14, 2016 at 08:56 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - October 14, 2016 at 10:07 AM

SW

“ *Stan & Dee Wielinski lit a candle in memory of Hazel A. Vasecka*



Stan & Dee Wielinski - October 13, 2016 at 10:13 PM

DL

“ *We are so very sorry for the loss of your loved..prayers and hugs
Charlie and Dianne*



Dianne and Charlie Ledbetter - October 13, 2016 at 09:21 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Hazel A. Vasecka.*



October 13, 2016 at 04:37 PM



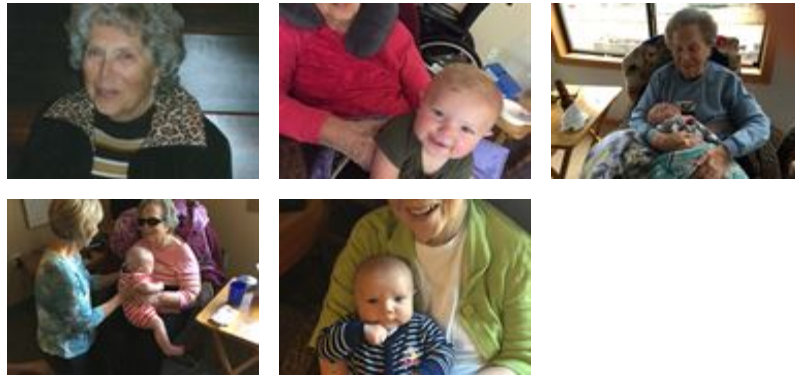
“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Hazel A. Vasecka.*



October 13, 2016 at 03:08 PM



“ *7 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - October 13, 2016 at 02:59 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - October 13, 2016 at 01:46 PM

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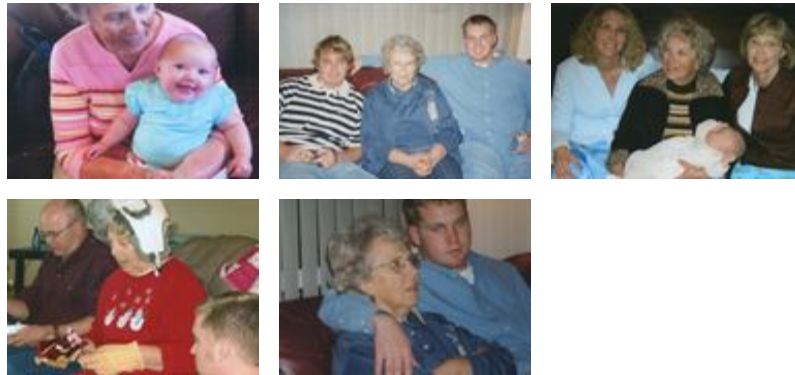
“ Dale and Nancy Daniels purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Hazel A. Vasecka.



Dale and Nancy Daniels - October 13, 2016 at 11:11 AM



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Lemieur Funeral Homes - October 13, 2016 at 10:12 AM

JD

“ Jeanne Davis lit a candle in memory of Hazel A. Vasecka



Jeanne Davis - October 12, 2016 at 05:16 PM