



## Margaret May

April 2, 1917 - March 28, 2015

Margaret Mary May, 97 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2015, at Bridgeway Estates in Little Falls, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12 noon on Friday, April 17, 2015 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN, with Father Joe Herzing officiating and Father Nicholas Landsberger con-celebrating. Visitation will be from 10 AM until 12 noon on Friday at the church. Christian Mothers will pray the Rosary at 11 AM Friday.

Margaret was born on April 2, 1917 at home in Bellevue Township, Morrison County, Minnesota, to the late Paul and Eleanor (Riedner) Rudek. As a young child, Margaret helped care for her 10 younger brothers and sisters on the family's farm. She attended St. Francis High School, but returned to the family farm to help her mother with her brothers and sisters. Margaret was employed for many years at the Munsingwear factory in Little Falls and then with the Lutheran Care Center, from which she retired. She was united in marriage to John May on October 3, 1940 at St. James Catholic Church in Randall, MN. The couple had seven children. Margaret was an exceptional caregiver and mother, caring for all 6 children, numerous grandchildren, husband John during his disability, and volunteering at the Lutheran Care Center well into her nineties. One of Margaret's favorite pastimes was going to the nursing home and visiting the "Old Folks". She also enjoyed sewing and gardening, both flowers and vegetables, and then canning and freezing the produce.

Margaret was an excellent cook, and the family plans on combining all her recipes into a cookbook. She took great pride in maintaining her own home and being self sufficient. It wasn't until reaching the age of 95 that she moved into Bridgeway Estates, and then she still did many things herself. Margaret was also a member of Christian Mothers and CMTEC 129.

Margaret is survived by: children, Dolores (Stanley) Wielinski of Little Falls, MN, William J. (Mary Lou) May of Winthrop, MN, Richard J. (Peggy) May of Little Falls, MN, Edward R. (Cathleen) May of Rice, MN, James A. (Julie) May of Fort Ripley, MN, and Thomas P. (Patricia) May of Coon Rapids, MN; grandchildren, Kimberly Wielinski, Monica (Lawrence Brennan) Wielinski, Paula (James) Schuebel and Mary Wielinski (fiancé, James Bolton); Rebecca (Kolan) Hance and Alicia (Aaron) LaFee; Kathryn (Anthony) Hollermann and Patrick (Andrea) May; Michael May and Daniel May; Lewis May and Laura (Monte) Donahue; Aaron May and Nathan May; great grandchildren, Benjamin and Eleanor Schuebel, Carter LaFee and Ella May; brother, Lawrence (LaVina) Rudek; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; son, George; parents, Paul and Eleanor; brothers, George, Robert, Kenneth, Edmund, Donald, and Arthur Rudek; and sisters, Loretta Kilanowski, Elaine Hennings, and Dolores Kay.

Memorials are preferred to the Morrison County Food Shelf and the Legacy Chorale.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

Little Falls, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

APR 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret May*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - April 03, 2015 at 12:42 PM



“ *Margaret May*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Margaret has always been special to us, from the first time we met her as a neighbor when we were newly married till later when she always had that big hug ready. She had the greatest disposition, always a smile and a kind word for everyone. She will be truly missed. Our sympathy to the May family. Dave and Irene Becker*

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**Dave and Irene Becker** - April 16, 2015 at 08:31 PM

DF

“ I never met Grandma May, but have met her son, and his beautiful family, when I got the privilege to be her Great Grandson, Carter Lafee's, Daycare provider. Throughout the 4 years I have had Carter in my care, the family has become like family to us. What a beautiful amazing family this wonderful woman has as a legacy. My heart goes out to Bill, Chi, Alicia, Beckie and the whole family as you lay this beautiful woman to eternal rest with her husband. My thoughts and prayers to ALL of you. God Bless you all.

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**Deb Franzen** - April 16, 2015 at 08:57 AM

JD

“ Margaret was a great neighbor. She was such a sweet lady and so much fun. She has a great sense of humor. Paul was building our shed and she came over to help (age 90). She said "I can help pound nails" and Paul said "I don't have another hammer handy". She said "That's okay Paul, I brought my own" and from behind her back she produced a little hammer about 7" long. What a lady she was. She always called us on our birthdays in February and this year was no exception. We had a nice chat and we are grateful for that. God Bless her. We all loved her.

*Jean & Paul Dennis*

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**Jean & Paul Dennis** - April 13, 2015 at 03:32 PM

LP

“ Lawrence P. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Margaret May.



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**Lawrence P.** - April 10, 2015 at 10:38 AM

DW

“ *She always had time  
To sit and Listen.  
Snacks on the Table  
From her Tiny Kitchen.  
Was hard to Leave when  
She was Talking.  
Now She's in Heaven  
And we are Listening.*

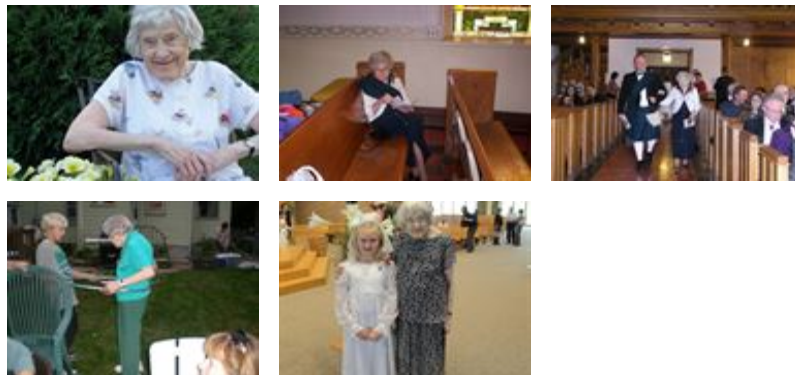
*Theresa Kilanowski Behnke*

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**Dolores Wielinski** - April 09, 2015 at 08:42 PM



“ *18 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - April 09, 2015 at 11:07 AM



“ 6 files added to the album *Life Tributes*

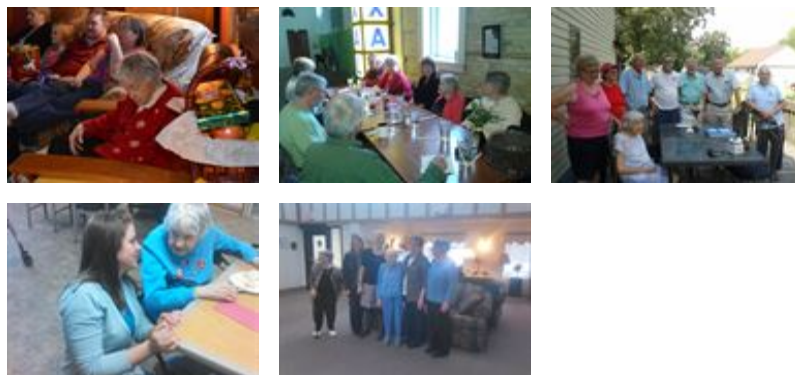


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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - April 08, 2015 at 02:55 PM



“ 13 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - April 08, 2015 at 01:30 PM

LS

“ *Many good memories of Margaret, my "birthday buddy".  
Condolences to all*

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**Len Sharon** - April 02, 2015 at 08:43 AM



“ our sympathy to the May Family. Margaret was always so sweet to us. we miss seeing her. very Special Lady to All.

*Bruce and Patti Hammerbeck*



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**Patti Hammerbeck** - April 01, 2015 at 04:01 PM

AE

“ Our sympathy to the family of Margaret, I enjoyed talking to her when I'd see her at Bridgeway. She was spunky and cheerful. Ardy Eckblad

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**Ardy Eckblad** - March 31, 2015 at 09:35 AM

SS

“ Staff Of Community Services lit a candle in memory of Margaret May



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**Staff of Community Services** - March 31, 2015 at 06:33 AM

JF

“ We would like to express our deepest sympathy. May those precious memories be foremost in your hearts and minds during this difficult time.

*Isaiah 25:8*

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**Jackson Family** - March 30, 2015 at 06:59 PM

DB

“ *Donna Beaty lit a candle in memory of Margaret May*



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**Donna Beaty** - March 30, 2015 at 03:12 PM

CS

“ *Chuck & Faye Santala lit a candle in memory of Margaret May*



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**Chuck & Faye Santala** - March 30, 2015 at 02:00 PM

JB

“ *I am so saddened to hear of Margaret's passing!! I met here at the Lutheran Care Center when she came to visit with her husband, John. She was such a loving & caring person. In the later years I enjoyed chatting with her at Bridgeway!!! She will be missed!! Rest In Peace Sweet Lady!!! Love, Jeri Michalek Betts*



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**Jeri Betts** - March 30, 2015 at 01:09 PM

PM

“ For over 60 years, I had the honor of calling this amazing woman my aunt. The world has lost one of its finest women; Heaven has gained a true angel. Memories abound when I think of her, but it is how she made us all feel that will remain the strongest. Always smiling, always happy; never a cross word. So caring and giving to others. She is irreplaceable, but we should all strive to be more like her. Love you, Auntie Margaret.

Pat

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**Pat Monson** - March 30, 2015 at 10:37 AM