



Betty J. Waspi

January 21, 1925 - October 6, 2025

Betty Jayne Buchert Waspi, 100 years, 8 months & 15 days, passed away October 6th, 2025, at Golden Years, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. She was born January 21, 1925, in Elgin, Illinois to Frank Jesse & Edith Bacon Buchert & raised in Richmond, Illinois. After graduating from Richmond High School in 1942, she worked in Chicago before marrying Edward Charles Waspi on May 27th, 1944, at the Community Church of Richmond, while Ed was serving in the Army Air Corps. After retirement they moved from Richmond to Twin Lakes.

Betty was a loving mother & grandmother, always #1 Nana - a role she loved & cherished and an important part of the life of those who called her Nana & Great Nana. She was the woman who could do it all. Betty was the homeroom mom who made dozens of heart-shaped cupcakes for each of her children's classes on Valentines Day during their grade school years. She sewed dance recital and Halloween costumes, dresses plain & fancy, even a shirt for her son. She sewed beautiful formals for herself & her mother for Eastern Star & Shrine, dresses for her daughters' graduations or special events as well as tiny dresses for her great-granddaughter's doll.

She was a member of the Community Church of Richmond having served as a Sunday School teacher, served on the Board of Trustees, Board of Deacons, Financial Secretary, Cabinet Chancel Committee & Women's Fellowship. She was a member of Job's Daughters, Past Matron OES #267 & held other chairs of the Eastern Star. Betty was a member of the Richmond

Garden Club, Woodstock Women of the Moose, Richmond Auxiliary, secretary of the RBCHS Alumni Association and a member of the McHenry County Historical Association.

Betty was a great cook, baked delicious caramel nut sweet rolls, tasty crescent rolls, Grandma Waspi's famous sugar cookies with the raisin in the middle and canned & pickled the produce Ed grew in his garden. Betty did all this while maintaining her own home and working full time; a home always open to kids, cousins, family & friends. She first worked as a telephone switch-board operator and then at Jenn-Aire, Betty later worked for Fred Gunderson as secretary at RBCHS for 25 years, also becoming School Board Secretary. She always said she could write a book on all the antics high school students managed to get into.

Ed & Betty's many travels started with the purchase of a small camper to take their three grandchildren on weekend adventures. As the grandchildren grew and the trailers got larger, the travel trips got longer. There was always Petosi & Phoenix, even a 3 month trip to Alaska where their youngest daughter De flew in to join them for a whitewater rafting adventure. Many good times with both old & new friendships to enjoy.

Betty - #1 Nana, is survived by her children, Barbara J. (Wayne) Japp, Loves Park, IL; Charles/Bud (Donna Lakomiak) Waspi, Hesperus, CO & Jacksonville, FL; De (Mike) Nieciecki, Twin Lakes, WI; Grandchildren - Edward Charles Waspi (Christy Pfaffman), Hesperus, CO; Brian Keith (Mary Roddy) Waspi, Lake Geneva, WI; Pepper Ann (Todd) Reicher, Loves Park, IL; great-grandchildren, Jayne Ann Reicher & Evan Edward Reicher, Loves Park, IL. Her special & loved sister-in-law Mary A. Buchert, and her daughters Kathy, Patty & Susie & son Sean, of South Haven, MI. Dear friend & niece Shirley Roberts, special nieces Mary, Bonnie, Sharon & Julie. Also many nieces, nephews & cousins with whom she shared laughter, love & good times over the years.

She was preceded in death by her husband of almost 70 years, Ed, 11/13/2013, her parents, Frank & Edith Buchert, John & Lydia Waspi, her

brother Frank A. Buchert, her former daughter-in-law, Nancy A. Golden Waspi, & her brothers & sisters-in-law, John, Fred & Iva, Paul & Clarice, George & Marcella, Glenn & Regina Waspi, Edith (Roland) McDonald & Marge (John) Pierce, as well as Robert Roberts.

Many thanks to her caregiver Leslie & to Dan Clifford as well as Pastor Hope and many thanks to her friends from the Community Church who kept in touch with her, especially Debbie F. Special thanks to the nurses and CNA's at Golden Years who took excellent care of Betty and kept her spirits high.

Thanks to the Hospice Team for their care and guidance. Donations may be given to the Community Church of Richmond, 5714 Broadway, Richmond, IL 60071, or the Twin Lakes Fire/Rescue Squad, 236 E. Main St., Twin Lakes, WI. 53181. Betty had a long & fulfilling life.

Visitation will be 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monday Oct 27, 2025 at Ehorn-Adams Funeral 10011 Main St, Richmond, IL. Funeral Service will be at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at the Community Church of Richmond, IL, 5714 Broadway in Richmond.

Cemetery Details

Richmond Cemetery

5800 Broadway Rd.
Richmond, IL 60071

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **27**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ehorn-Adams Funeral Home (Richmond)
10011 Main Street
PO Box 375
Richmond, IL 60071
(815) 678-7311
bruce@ehornadams.com
<http://www.ehornadams.com>

Funeral Service

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Community Church of Richmond
5714 Broadway St.
PO Box 246
Richmond, IL 60071
(815) 678-6521
office@richmonducc.org
<https://www.richmonducc.org>

Tribute Wall

JL

“ As Chaplain for American Legion Post 21, Sons of The American Legion Squadron 21, and District 1 out of Kenosha Wisconsin, prayers go out to you all! Remember the gift of knowing this great individual! Salute to you and thank you for your service! 🙏🙏🙏

Jon Lyons - November 02, 2025 at 08:41 AM

MN

“ What a wonderfilled life this special lady lived. You all were so fortunate to share in it. I remember her & her parents. They were great friends of my grandparents, Bill & Edna Thomson & we visited them often. Betty was one of a very few who came to my mother's (Pearl Thomson Ward) funeral. I appreciated her kindness. You have some fond memories to share. Mj

Mary Jane Ward Navota - October 22, 2025 at 10:03 AM

BJ

Mary Jane, Thank you for your comments. I remember your parents as well as your Grandparents, Edna & Bill. Good times back then. Betty will be missed by many, especially the ones still wishing they could beat her at cards. Barb Waspi Japp

Barb Japp - November 02, 2025 at 06:26 PM

BM

“ *Barb and Family - I am so very sorry to hear of Betty's passing. I won't be able to attend her services but know that the entire time I have known her, she was such a beautiful person and an inspiration to many with her very positive and independent attitude. To live to be 100 is indeed a milestone we all strive to attain, and I hope that if I do, I will be as amazing as Betty. She has definitely lived a very full and rewarding life. I know that she will be missed by the many who knew and loved her, but she will live on in the memories she made with everyone. Barb McPherson*

Barbara McPherson - October 21, 2025 at 03:46 PM

BJ

Barb, Thank you for your memories. We did have some really good times with my parents & the group at the Moose. She had many friends. She always looked ahead. Barb

Barb Japp - November 02, 2025 at 06:29 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty J. Waspi.*



October 18, 2025 at 03:26 PM

TF

“ *The Morton and Erickson Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Betty J. Waspi.*



The Morton and Erickson Family - October 17, 2025 at 11:09 AM

MH

“ *What a lovely lady, rest in peace.*

Mark Hannah - October 16, 2025 at 11:44 PM

MS

“ *I first was introduced to my friend De and her family as my husband Larry's neighbors many years ago.*

From that first introduction, I remember Betty with that warm smile. And then we became close friends to De and Mike, and Betty was icing on that cake for me!

De, Barb and Charles, your mom had such a special way of making everyone feel welcome and cared for. I'll always remember that smile, the sweet treats she shared, the beautiful, crocheted dish towels, and the knitted afghan that Betty made Larry that showed her love in every stitch.

Betty was so proud of you all.

Thinking of all of your family during this difficult time.

Marlene (Gooch) Stevens - October 15, 2025 at 05:48 PM

LP

“ *Betty was so special to me and my brothers and sisters. Having grown up across the street we were always welcome in the Waspi home. I cherish the fact that she called us her "kids" even when we were adults. We had a great network in our neighborhood between the Stevens, Wendt and Waspi families. She will be forever missed.*

Lois Petska - October 14, 2025 at 08:46 PM

LW

“ My favorite memory was when Betty and Ed lived on Main St. in Richmond. Betty would bake cookies or cake then she would call me and tell me to bring the kids and come on over. We would always have cookies and visit. I got a few recipes from her also. Betty will be missed. Lisa Wirch

Lisa Wirch - October 14, 2025 at 07:35 PM

PB

“ Nana was special to so many, including me. By the time I met Nana when I was a freshman in High School through her grandson Ed, my grandparents were all gone. She really made everyone feel like they were her grandchild. She always kept our bellies and hearts full. I'll always picture her sitting at the kitchen table, feeding us and loving on all of Ed's friends and Ed. She loved her grandchildren so much! I am lucky enough to be friends with all the Waspi grandchildren , so I've had the pleasure of seeing her through their eyes individually. They love her so much back. The last time I saw Nana was at her 100th Birthday party, where she met my son. I'm so glad I will have that last memory of her smiling at everyone, still sharp and loving as ever. I'll remember her with love. She was the embodiment of love (and also wicked funny). Sending my love to the entire Waspi family

Patty Kingston Brever

Patty Kingston Brever - October 14, 2025 at 01:19 PM