



Bernadine M. Gust

November 7, 1921 - June 16, 2023

Ridgeway – Bernadine M. Gust, age 101, passed away on Friday, June 16, 2023.

She was born November 7, 1921 to Gustave and Emma (Henning) Gust and raised in Ridgeway with her brother, Elmer, graduating as valedictorian of her high school class in 1939. She graduated from the Milwaukee School of Nursing in October, 1943, then served in WW II from January 3, 1944 through February 7, 1945. She was stationed in both New Guinea and the Philippines. After her discharge, she received her Masters Degree in nursing from the University of Minnesota, then moved to California.

The majority of her time there was spent as a school nurse. She loved working with the kids and their families. She returned to Wisconsin in 2011 to be closer to her family. Although she never married or had children, she was extremely close to her niece and nephews, as well as their children. She was a very special Auntie and will be remembered in the many loving memories we created together.

She was preceded in death by her brother and sister-in-law, Elmer "Mike" and Elaine Gust and three nephews, Jimmie Gust, Jerome Gust and Bernard Gust.

She is survived by two nephews, Michael Gust and Robert Gust and a niece, Joan Thompson, as well as great nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, August 14, 2023 at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville.

Inurnment will be held in St. Bridget's Cemetery in Ridgeway with Military Graveside Rites accorded by the Dodgeville Area Veterans. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until time of services on Monday, August 14, 2023 at the funeral home.

A special thank you to the staff at Madison Pointe Senior Living Center who cared for her with love and compassion these last years.

Cemetery Details

St. Bridget's Cemetery

Cemetery Road
Ridgeway, WI 53582

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 14. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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400 East Grace Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533
(608) 935-5222
gorgenfh@mhtc.net

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Military Graveside Rites

AUG **14**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you to Michael for posting the picture of Bernadine in her Army uniform. My husband and I first met Bernadine a bit over six years ago when we joined another couple, Jeff and Michelle who went to Madison Pointe to have Sunday afternoon church services for the residents. Since that time the team from Madison Baptist Church has included many other people. I can say unequivocally that everyone of us enjoyed Bernadine. She always faithfully attended and participated in the singing. She had a ready smile and was an encouragement to all of us. She had a quietness about her. I asked her about her life and she told me about her service as an Army nurse. Well needless to say she didn't look old enough to have served in WWII. As soon as visitors were allowed back in following COVID, I obtained permission to visit with her in her room and I was able to ask her questions about her life experiences. The Madison Baptist team resumed Sunday afternoon services as soon as we were allowed to. After an absence of 18 months it was good to see her and all the others. We celebrated her 101 birthday as a "church" family last November. My husband is now a Pastor in Ashland WI but when we saw her last, in January of this year, she still possessed the ability to rise unaided from her chair and to walk with her walker. She was pretty amazing. I know she will be missed. We all cared about Bernadine. Pastor David and Pat Ketels, Jeff and Michelle D., Justin and Jen H., Arnold and Jan P., Tom P., Dexter N. and the Teenagers from Madison Baptist Church

Pat Ketels - July 24, 2023 at 12:40 PM

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Michael Gorgen - June 30, 2023 at 05:07 PM