



## Delores E. "Toots" Murphy

June 24, 1937 - March 17, 2022

Ridgeway – Delores E. “Toots” Murphy, age 84, of Ridgeway, passed away on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at Bloomfield Healthcare. She was surrounded by her family.

She was born in Dodgeville, Wisconsin, on June 24, 1937, and began her career as a CNA at the old Dodgeville General Hospital. She retired in September 2000 from the activities department at Upland Hills Health after over 30 years. She loved her job and made it her mission to keep the elderly patients in a happy place. Toots was known for wearing crazy hats and costumes, with the residents looking forward to her dancing with her “monkey” (puppet) and expecting to see it at every musical event. She received the State Activity Assistant Award of Excellence and then national acclaim as Activity Assistant of the Year in 2001.

Delores is survived by her husband of over 65 years, Donald Murphy; her children, Tari (Bob) Greenwood, Kathie Murphy, Rick Murphy and Jeanne Cairns; her grandchildren, Brianna, Brady, Malorie, Keegan, Kelsey, Brittany, and Nicole; 12 great grandchildren; her sister, Connie (Gary) Hendrickson and sister-in-law, Edie Jacobson. She is also survived by a dear friend of 75 years, Bonnie Heibel-Payne, Gleneagle, CO.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dewey and Frances Jacobson,

and her brother, DuWayne Jacobson.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 21, 2022 at ST. BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Ridgeway. Fr. Stephen Petrica will officiate. Burial will be held in St. Bridget's Cemetery. Friends may call from 9:00 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. on Monday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to The American Legion Auxiliary.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Bridget's Cemetery

Cemetery Road  
Ridgeway, WI 53582

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 9:00 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

St. Bridget's Catholic Church  
803 Main Street  
Ridgeway, WI 53582

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Delores E. "Toots" Murphy*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of "Toots" passing, I lost track of her after I retired. She was a good friend of my Aunt Alice Fitzsimons in Ridgeway ( they were neighbors & Toots came over to Alice's with a Coffee Group for years ( Alice & her famous Donuts) Lorraine Ayers, AnnMarie, Darlene J, a Mrs Cretney, Alfred, sorry for your loss Connie, she was a wonderful girl & everybody loved her.*

**Peg Trankle** - March 19, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ *I enjoyed working with Delores years ago at the old Medical Care Facility in Dodgeville. We had fun while working together and became friends. We would run into each other at St Bridget's annual picnic or church and catch up on old times. She was a true sweetheart and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers for Delores and her family!*



**Elaine Pepper** - March 18, 2022 at 07:09 PM



“ *My Grandma lived for her family. Words cannot express how grateful I am to have had her in my life, always supporting me, and standing up for me. Anyone who knew her would say how caring, strong, and funny she was. She even devoted her life to caring for others and making people smile. I will miss her everyday, but know she will always watch over her family. I love you Grandma!*

**Malorie** - March 18, 2022 at 01:36 PM