



Frieda Marie Whittington

December 2, 1919 - March 4, 2021

Mineral Point - Frieda Marie Bulla Beckwith Whittington, age 101 of Mineral Point, WI. passed away peacefully in her home on March 4th, 2021 with her family at her side.

Frieda had an uncanny ability to reach people in a deep and positive way. She truly lived a rich life with the simple pleasures such as sharing her famous spaghetti and meatballs, homemade bread and apple pie. In her later years when travel became difficult, she continued to connect with others by writing cards and making phone calls to her large network of friends and family. Frieda will be remembered as a very caring, giving and sincere listener who will be missed.

She was born on December 2, 1919 to Walter and Mary Jane Bulla in Johnson City, NY. She had a very active childhood with her father always moving north and south to find warm weather. She learned early how to adapt and make new friends. Frieda was a traveling musician to finance her college, along side her brothers Dan and Horace as the Bulla Trio, always comfortable with making new friends. She never knew a stranger.... Then she married Arnold Beckwith and was a "preacher's wife" for 35 years. They had four children: Paul Beckwith (Leah), David Beckwith (Caroline), Ruth Schampier and Lois Hall (Jan).

Due to her natural talent of solving financial problems, she worked as an accountant much of her adult life. She married Hugh Whittington in 1978 and enjoyed their union until 2007 when Hugh passed away. Although she lived as a widow for her final 12 years she was never alone. She has left behind many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews who will be forever touched by her legacy of love.

Special thanks must be given to Lois and Jan Hall, who created a safe and loving home for Frieda. Don Elmer, a devoted and faithful friend for 20 years who helped make her life easier in so many ways. And Dr. Gordon Grieshaber who cared for Frieda for 20+ years as her trusted physician and friend. The Mineral Point family became her family and she felt blessed by them.

Because of COVID, her celebration of life will be on Saturday, June 26th. A time for remembrance and sharing will be at the Soldiers Memorial Park in Pavilion #1, Mineral Point from 2-5 p.m. Frieda often supported the Community Connections Free Clinic in Dodgeville, 101 Fountain St. Dodgeville, WI 53533. Please send gifts of support to them in her name if desired.

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

800 Fair Street
Mineral Point, WI

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **26.** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Soldiers Memorial Park
Shake Rag Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565

Tribute Wall



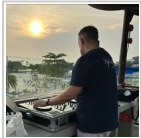
“ *Frieda Marie Whittington*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Frieda embodied a spirit like none I have ever known. She could change people's lives just by laying her hand on their arm, looking into their eyes, praising them, encouraging them, and loving them. She made everyone feel better about themselves, and I was one of the lucky people whose life she changed. She was joyful, loved her family and friends, made so many phone calls, and wrote an abundance of cards and notes. She was incredibly bright and well-informed. There was just no one like her. It was so easy to smile back at her and look at her beautiful face. She saw the best in everyone and refused to let anyone put themselves down. She was determined and pushed herself beyond what many of us thought possible--especially after her terrible fall about 4 years ago. I just loved having Frieda for a friend, and she restored my faith in humanity and in myself. We spent many times together, and she was a doting mother, a great friend, and a loving spirit who surrounded me and everyone she knew. I'm so grateful for my time with Frieda and with Frieda's wonderful and amazing family. Thank you for sharing her with us.*

Sandee Beaman - March 15, 2021 at 06:05 PM



“ *Mema, we will miss you so much, but what a wonderful life you lead. You were such a profound, sweet lady, it was like having a grandma all over again. I'm so glad we got to reconnect and you could take me for a beer, age 99! So happy to have met you, we'll always toast you when I meet with Angie and family. Lots of love to you x*

Edward Howard

Ed Howard - March 13, 2021 at 09:41 AM



“ *As a child, my Father took me to Binghamton, NY to meet Frieda. I can't remember the exact circumstances, but she was passing through, but stopped to visit my Grand Mother Leda Brown Buckley. Years would go by, and Arlene Stroesser would put us in touch with each other. I was fortunate enough to speak with Frieda at length on the phone about our families..It was wonderful. God Bless Frieda.*

Herbert W. Buckley - March 07, 2021 at 02:50 PM

JM

“ We knew her as Mema and met her first time at Gerald and Angie’s wedding I think. What an amazing lady, a real tour de force. Full of life and with a smile that lit up everywhere. Surely an angel retiring back to Heaven. Xx

John Maguire - March 07, 2021 at 03:05 AM

JH

Mema. Such an amazing wonderful and truly inspiring woman I spent Angie and Gerald’s honeymoon with Mema Papa Hugh and my grandparents in Lake Erie one of my best holidays ever. Love and condolences to all the family Janet & Pom xc

janette hoare - March 07, 2021 at 05:33 AM

JH

Condolences to all the family. Mema such an amazing incredible wonderful person who spread joy everywhere so happy to have known you rest in peace. Janet & Pom xx

janette hoare - March 07, 2021 at 05:47 AM

JT

often visited with her since she lived just down the street and around the corner from us. June Tate

June Tate - March 19, 2021 at 10:54 PM

CE

“ I was accepted easily and with a smile by Frieda. I loved visiting with her and because of either syntax or content I remember her looking at me nose down, over her glasses, until I wiggled just one eyebrow or the other one. Then she gave me her smile. It would have been nice to have been in closer proximity to Jan and Lois and family. Frieda was very special to so many and for good reason. One tough, smart, lovely, and caring person.

Clair Erwert

Clair Erwert - March 06, 2021 at 08:31 PM

BQ

“ I will NEVER forget the day lous and Frieda came to visit me. Lois was driving a Beemer convertible, Frieda was her passenger. it was a beautiful day, the top was down on the vehicle and hanging out of the backseat of the vehicle, in plain site, was Friedas walker. oh how I will miss her wisdom and contagious smile. she truly was "ONE OF A KIND"!!

Brenda Quale - March 06, 2021 at 01:18 PM

“ John and I were often in San Miguel de Allende at the same time as Frieda and we had many happy times there with her.
One year Frieda talked us into going to Michoacán to see the Monarch butterflies. That involved a three hour drive followed by a very dusty one hour ride on horseback up into the forest where the monarchs were. The scene when we finally arrived was incredible. There were monarchs on every surface of the trees and ground and in the air. The whole forest was fuzzy with monarchs. It was like a mystical experience. Frieda was at least 90 years old when she made that trek on horseback. I like to think of her marveling at all those butterflies. If it weren't for her we would never have had that experience.
Our lives are better for having known Frieda. She showed us the art of aging gracefully and joyously.

Linda Hurley - March 06, 2021 at 01:15 PM