



Maxine Stratman

May 22, 1938 - February 4, 2021

Barneveld - Maxine Stratman, age 82, of Barneveld, WI passed away on Thursday, February 4, 2021 surrounded by love. Maxine was born on May 22, 1938 to Max and Gladys (Olson) Theobald of Adamsville, WI. Maxine fondly recalled stories from growing up with her two brothers. She was married to Robert Stratman on May 3, 1958.

Maxine graduated from Barneveld High School in 1955 at age 16 and began working at the family-owned Theobald Café in Barneveld. She was hired at the Barneveld State Bank (now Peoples' Community Bank) in 1956 as a bookkeeper and was promoted to teller. She transferred to the Ridgeway Branch when it opened and eventually became Branch Manager, Loan Officer, and the first woman Assistant Vice President of the bank. When the Ridgeway Branch was sold after 23 years, she returned to Barneveld as a Personal Banker. She retired in 2000 and received a Commendation of Service from the Wisconsin State Legislature, then went back to work part-time as a customer service representative. Maxine was a member of the National Association of Bank Women and the Iowa County Bankers Association. She served the Barneveld-Ridgeway area as a banker for over 50 years and joined the 50 Year Club of the Wisconsin Bankers Association in 2007.

Maxine served her community in many other ways. She was a member of the

Middlebury Methodist Church, where she loved teaching Sunday School, Bible School, and Confirmation Classes. She also served as Sunday School Superintendent and Church Treasurer. Maxine served on the Board of the Memorial Hospital Campaign Fund from 1971-1980 in a variety of administrative positions and was also on the Board of the Ridgeway Salvation Army. Maxine was featured in the 13th (1983-84) and 14th editions (1984-85) of *Who's Who in American Women*, and she appeared in the 3rd edition of *Personalities of America for Service to the Community*.

Maxine made numerous lifelong friendships and loved frequently chatting on the phone with many of them. Her daughters have many fond childhood memories. Julie specifically remembers having her mom make handprints on Julie's sandwiches so she could "taste her hands" because she loved her so much. Jodie was affectionately nicknamed 'Elmer' as she stuck to her mom like glue and Maxine also learned to avoid puddles since Jodie loved to splash her.

She thoroughly enjoyed attending her grandchildren's extracurricular events and watching her great-grandchildren grow. Whenever one of her grandkids poked fun at her she'd respond with "Hey George!" instead of guessing which one it was. She always played euchre with her family at Christmas time. She learned all her "tricks" from her father and passed them on to her grandkids. She loved reading novels and watching moonflowers bloom on summer nights. Maxine loved co-hosting the annual Theobald family reunion at the 4th of July for many years, and always made her signature macaroni salad.

Maxine is survived by her two daughters, Julie Stratman (Hans) and Jodie (Bill) Mabin; five grandchildren, Justin (Molly) Mabin, Jesse Mabin, Jordan Mabin, Samantha Mabin, and Jevin Mabin; and three great-grandchildren, Addison and Oliver Mabin (Justin), and one on the way (Samantha). She is also survived by her brothers Harvey (Audrey) and Charles (Aletha) Theobald and numerous loved nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the nurses, doctors, and staff of St. Mary's Hospital for their care and compassion.

Maxine will be laid to rest at the Middlebury Church cemetery near her parents, Max and Gladys, her cousin and neighbor Edward 'Ted' Theobald and his wife Anne, and generations of relatives.

A Public Visitation will be held at the Middlebury Church on Saturday, February 13, 2021 from 11:00-12:30.

In lieu of flowers, the family will accept donations for a Theobald Family memorial bench that may be mailed to the Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home, c/o Maxine Stratman, 400 East Grace Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533.

The bench will be placed at the Middlebury Church, where visitors will be able to enjoy the peaceful hillside.

Cemetery Details

Middlebury Cemetery

2548 County Highway H
Barneveld, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Middlebury Chapel
2548 County Road H
Barneveld, WI 53507

Tribute Wall



“ *Maxine Stratman*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to all your family. When I was a little girl growing up in Ridgeway, I will never forget Maxine working at the Ridgeway bank. I remember my Dad taking me to open my first savings account with Maxine. She was always professionally dressed in suits, her perfect hairstyle, her glasses and her business-like but friendly attitude. She truly was ahead of her time for business woman in the workforce. She made a lasting impression :)*

Mary Everson - February 13, 2021 at 11:23 AM

VI

For me too. I was inspired by her also. May she continued to be remembered for her impact on our lives.

Vickie - February 13, 2021 at 11:55 AM

CR

“ *Cecil And Sheryl Roberts lit a candle in memory of Maxine Stratman*



Cecil and Sheryl Roberts - February 13, 2021 at 10:39 AM

CR

Jodie and Family, Our deepest sympathies in the loss of your Mom/Grandmother. Maxine was a Lady full of Love, Kindness and Grace and those qualities live on through all of you! She truly did Live Life!!!

Cecil and ShiryI Roberts - February 13, 2021 at 10:45 AM

DK

“ Jodi and family, so very sorry to hear of your moms passing. Its so hard to say goodbye but i prayer you remember all the good memories. Was nice you were close to her.

Debbie Kieffer - February 09, 2021 at 11:26 PM

AC

“ My condolences to you all. She was a wonderful woman



Alyssa Cramer - February 09, 2021 at 09:57 AM

SG

“ Shirley Gulvik lit a candle in memory of Maxine Stratman



Shirley Gulvik - February 07, 2021 at 04:34 PM

SG

“ To Julie, Jodie and families we send our sincere condolences. Your Mom is now at peace, no more pain, Remember all the good times. Sincerely,
Shirley Gulvik

Shirley Gulvik - February 07, 2021 at 04:33 PM

GA

Julie and Jody . Sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was a very sincere and classy lady . I know that EvaNell always thought of her as a very dear friend. Now they can catch up on old times. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Ginny Arneson

Ginny Arneson - February 08, 2021 at 01:01 PM

TS

Jodie and Julie, so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was always friendly and smiling!
My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Toni Sienko

Toni Sienko - February 10, 2021 at 08:41 PM

DK

Jodie and Bill, We all wish you peace and send many prayers to you and your entire family. Love, Dan & Lisa Toay (Clare, Grace, Ridge and Paige)

Dan and Lisa Toay & kids - February 11, 2021 at 03:03 PM