



Lucy Edna Wenz

October 12, 1927 - March 25, 2019

Lucy Edna Wenz, age 91, of Roseville, MN, and formerly of Fargo, ND, passed away peacefully at home on March 25, 2019, surrounded by family. Lucy was born in Belle Fourche, SD, on October 12, 1927, the third of six children to Paul and Edith Grubl. On May 19, 1957, she married Erwin Wenz and they were a devoted couple for well over sixty years. In June 1960, they moved to Fargo to raise their family.

Lucy attended primary school at the Upper Alkalai Creek one-room schoolhouse and completed her education at Sturgis High School. Upon graduation, she joined the United States Army Nurse Corp and served during the latter parts of WWII. She attended Black Hills State Teachers College and received her RN degree from St. John's Hospital in Rapid City, SD. She completed her education by receiving her bachelors degree from North Dakota State University in 1978. Lucy worked in various hospitals primarily on the pediatric service and at the Veterans Hospital in Lincoln, NE, as the Assistant Chief Nurse.

After the birth of her children, Lucy volunteered extensively in the community. She taught handicapped children to swim at the "Y", taught children what an inpatient hospital experience would be like before their admission, and established an inpatient personal care service for women. When Dakota Hospital first opened, Lucy provided volunteer nursing services.

Lucy was one of the early major donors to the Dakota Medical Foundation.

Lucy's greatest joy was spending time with her husband, children, grandchildren, and great granddaughter. She was adventurous – stepping out on the sideboard of sailboats, parasailing off the coast of Mexico, and Zumba and zip-lining while she was in her 80's. She traveled the world with her husband, family, and friends. To all who had the good fortune to know her, Lucy was a cherished friend and a beautiful lady.

She is survived by her husband, Erwin Wenz, and faithful dog, Hildegard; her children Wendy (Peter) Benson, Susan (Philip) Prosapio, Erwin (Pam) Wenz Jr, Russell Ratliff,

Karen Ratliff; her five grandchildren Chris (Rachel) Benson, Lauren (Patrick) Kieliszewski, Luci (Andrew) Prosapio, Allie Benson, Philip (Natasha) Prosapio; great granddaughter Sylvia; siblings Dorothy, Paul (Audy), Teresa; and numerous dearly loved extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Donna and Marie.

Please send memorials to the Lucy E. Wenz RN NDSU Class of '78 Scholarship Endowment, P.O. Box 5144, Fargo, ND 58105.

Comments



“ How could we forget the many fishing trips to Washington Island to catch all those salmon with the Wenz and others from Fargo for many years. Janice and Ken Baker

Janice Baker - March 31 at 10:12 AM



“ We visited the Wenz in Texas and their lake home. Our best memories of Lucy and Dit were on the many trips we did together. Those were to China, Indonesia, South America, Libya, Tanzania, and other places. So wonderful knowing Lucy and are blessed by that. Love to the entire family from Ken and Janice Baker

Janice Bake - March 31 at 10:07 AM



“ The Magness family sends our condolences to the entire Wenz family. For many years, Dr's John Magness and 'Dit' Wenz, Founders of Dakota Medical Foundation (aka Dakota Hospital) practiced medicine along side one another. Dr's John Magness and 'Dit' Wenz had both married nurses. Lucy Wenz and Gloria Magness were those nurses and became close family friends and frequent volunteers at Dakota Hospital. It is with a heavy heart that we remember Lucy and her family. And recall the years of friendship and common endeavor to provide great healthcare to the Fargo, ND region.
Kindest Regards,
The Magness Family

Matt Magness - March 27 at 02:56 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I golfed with “The Girls” at South High and in the community. Wonderful people may God be your comfort and strength!!!

Cheryl Lindely - March 30 at 05:06 PM



“ Sincere sympathy to you, Dr. Wenz, and your family. The days ahead won't be the same, I hope the memories will help. Donna Hentges

Donna Hentges - April 03 at 08:52 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss Dit. We did not know Lucy real well but every time we met her in passing in the hall or elevator it was clear to us that she was a lovely person. We were so impressed with Lucy's nursing career. Nurses are so special to us as we have two, our daughter and granddaughter.

Dit we will keep you in our prayers.

We Love you Dit

Fred and Bea Whipple - April 05 at 12:43 PM