



## Muriel F. Willman

October 29, 1928 - May 12, 2024

Muriel F. Willman, age 95, passed away peacefully at her home in Crystal Falls, Michigan, on May 12, 2024, after a day surrounded by her closest family and friends.

Muriel was born on October 29, 1928, to the late Harold and Frances (Keenan) Waldron.

Muriel graduated from Lady of The Lourdes High School in Marinette, Wisconsin, in 1947. She later went on to attend and graduate from Oshkosh State Teachers College. In 1951 she was recruited to teach at the Crystal Falls School by KW Schulze. Muriel often described this opportunity as “a chance to earn money for doing what she loved most, teaching.” She spent several years at the school, retiring in 1989.

She married Gordon Willman originally of Felch, Michigan, and together they raised four sons: Jon, Brian, Gary and Rob Willman.

Muriel had a passion for serving others and was involved in several community groups, including various groups within the United Lutheran Church, Musicale Tea, Birthday Club, Tops, and she was active within the Forest Park Schools.

Anyone who knew Muriel can attest to how much she valued time with her family and friends. She never missed an opportunity to be with those she loved most. For decades she religiously went out for Friday fish fry with her lifelong friends, Tony and Mary Albarello, Max and Nancy Woelffer, and Grace and Tom Williams, along with regular coffee-clutch at Faye and Chet Fabri's. Even throughout her 95th year of life one could catch her gardening, boating, taking rides to camp, at her great-grandchildren's sporting events, or just out-and-about. She was truly an example of living life to the fullest and a blessing to so many who will miss her dearly.

Muriel is preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Frances Waldron; her husband, Gordon Willman; two brothers, Harold Waldron and Russell Waldron; a sister, Marjorie Cooper; two sons, Jon Willman and Brian Willman; one granddaughter, Jennifer Ketola; and a very dear friend, Esther Kivimaki.

Muriel is survived by two sons, Gary (Brenda) Willman & Rob Willman (Sara Starr); a daughter-in-law, Karen Willman; one sister, Patricia Butch; 12 grandchildren, Josh (Jen) Ketola, Tim (Maribel) Willman, Chris (Julia) Willman, Mike Willman (Shawn Houle), Gary (Stephanie) Willman, Heather (Parker) Carey, Jeff (Marlo) Willman, Lauren Willman, Ethan Willman, and Brody, Noah, and Eden Starr; along with 11 great-grandchildren & nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 16, 2024, from 12:00 noon until 1:00 PM at United Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls. Funeral services will follow at 1:00 PM. Pastor DJ Rasner will officiate. Burial will take place at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in her memory.

Condolences to the family of Muriel Willman may be expressed online at [www.](http://www.)

[nashfuneralhome.net](http://nashfuneralhome.net)

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 16. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

United Lutheran Church  
506 Superior Ave  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

## Funeral Service

MAY 16. 1:00 PM (CT)

United Lutheran Church  
506 Superior Ave  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Sympathies in the loss of Muriel. She had been a teacher to several of my children in school, as well as a neighbor and a Mother-in-law to my Neice. She was a very pleasant and friendly person!  
From Mary Jane (Riverside-Schultz-Olson) Soderberg

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**Mary Jane Soderberg** - May 25, 2024 at 08:23 PM

RP

“ Being new to Crystal Falls, Muriel was a shining light which helped make my journey a most successful one. She was my neighbor, where my dog and I would stop to sit and visit on her back porch, that welcoming smile and hand shake at sporting and social events and kind, friendly words always. She will be missed and never forgotten!

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**Robin Price** - May 16, 2024 at 01:17 PM

TS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May the good memories help you through this difficult time.

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**Thad & Melissa Stender.** - May 16, 2024 at 12:41 PM

SG

“ My condolences to Muriel's family. Blessed to have known this beautiful woman. Rest in peace!!

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**Sheree Graham** - May 15, 2024 at 11:33 AM

CB

“ Oh I'm so sorry to read about Muriel's passing. I really enjoyed her as a grade school teacher many years ago, of course. I recently saw her in Alpha at an outing. It pleased me to see her out and about and enjoying the crowd. I went up to her and had a little chat and a lovely picture with her. She indeed was a great and active lady. R.I.P. Muriel. ❤️

Cynthia (Klima) Beck - May 15, 2024 at 11:01 AM

DM

“ So sorry for your loss. She was truly one of the nicest ladies I've ever met. Always a smile and upbeat personality. She will be missed by many. Rest in Peace Muriel 🙏🙏

Dawn Margoni - May 15, 2024 at 10:22 AM

DM

“ Dawn M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Muriel F. Willman.

Dawn M. - May 14, 2024 at 09:25 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Muriel F. Willman.



May 14, 2024 at 07:00 PM

AS

“ Andy and Helen Schmid planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Muriel F. Willman.

Andy and Helen Schmid - May 14, 2024 at 07:00 PM

TC

“ *The ICSO Team at CAPTRUST purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Muriel F. Willman.*



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**The ICSO Team at CAPTRUST** - May 14, 2024 at 06:34 PM

NV

“ *Norm & Rose Vanaman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Muriel F. Willman.*



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**Norm & Rose Vanaman** - May 14, 2024 at 06:00 PM

PR

“ *Pat Richtig lit a candle in memory of Muriel F. Willman*



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**Pat Richtig** - May 14, 2024 at 05:24 PM

PR

*I will miss my favorite lady from Crystal Falls!! Rest in peace sweet Muriel!!*

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**Pat Richtig** - May 14, 2024 at 05:39 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Muriel F. Willman.*



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May 14, 2024 at 04:29 PM



“ *We will miss her very much.we had so many great memories when we came up north*



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**Bonnie & Bob Trelfa** - May 14, 2024 at 03:26 PM



“ *I loved that Muriel was always ready and willing to help; even if meant Rob had to be late to work to drop her dish off at church...LOL. Miss her smile, wonderful lady.*



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**Linda I Hammerberg** - May 14, 2024 at 03:05 PM