



Winnifred A. "Winnie" Juvik

July 11, 1924 - January 5, 2018

Winnifred Ann Staack was born on July 11, 1924 in Clayton County, Iowa. She was the second of two daughters born to William and Esther Staack, both of German descent, and her first language was German. She attended her first eight years of school in a one-room schoolhouse, the Mecklenburg School, with other children of German descent and learned to speak English there. When it came time for high school, there was none within walking distance. Her parents considered education important so, with her consent, sent her to Elkader, Iowa, to live with her paternal Aunt Anna where she stayed during the school week, returning home on weekends. Although she missed being home, Aunt Anna influenced her on the ins and outs of "being a lady" which she managed but only if it didn't interfere with love and fairness and treating all life forms with respect.

After high school she went to work at a grocery store in Elkader. There was a guy who came in, Bertin Juvik, who caught her eye, and he hers. Her father was not keen on the relationship, and, although Bertin wanted to drive her home from work, her dad would not allow it. Eventually, her dad lost that battle and Winnifred and Bertin married on October 12, 1944. Bert and Winnie had four children Judy, Richard, Patty and Mary. Winnie was an active participant in running the family dairy farm and taking on various other responsibilities that went with it, including being a 4-H leader and a Sunday School teacher, assisting in calf births, teaching calves to drink from a pail after weaning, gardening, canning, butchering and raising children, managing, feeding and

disciplining visiting cousins and always doing it all with love.

After retirement Bert and Winnie moved to Benicia in 1996. They were already very familiar with Benicia from having visited their daughters Mary and Patty who lived there and found it to be a very comfortable and warm community. They quickly found a welcoming congregation at Benicia Lutheran Church. Although Bert passed away in 1998, Winnie established long and lasting relationships with many wonderful and caring people at Benicia Lutheran Church.

Winnie had a very strong constitution and was a woman of very strong faith. Many times throughout her life her faith was tested, yet she always said to her children, "It will be okay," even when we never dreamed it could be ever again: when the house burned the day before Christmas Eve and she had four children that still got a Christmas Eve, when she lost a grandson in a car accident at the age of 17 and wanted to make it okay for her daughter, when she lost two of her four children in 2009 only 10 months apart, when her husband was diagnosed with an inoperable malignant tumor.

After the loss of two of her children our family expanded to include our newly adopted family Richard Brennan and the extended Brennan Clan, Emily, Dan (and Morgan), Mimi, and Richard's sisters and their families. They have been very much a part of our family over the past eight years. Winnie's view of family included everyone, human or four-legged whom she loved, and there were many. We, as her family, know of no person or animal she met who didn't love her.

Those of us remaining behind to miss her include her daughter Judy and husband John Walsh, her daughter Mary and husband Jose Gomes, her grandson Kerry Easley and wife Donna Trocino, great grandson Zachary Dubel and wife Courtney, daughter-in-law Cheri Brenner, many nieces and nephews, cousins, sisters-in-law, the Brennans and many, many friends. Those who left us earlier and can now once again enjoy her company include her husband Bert, her children Richard and Patty, her grandson Darrel, her parents and parents-in-law, her sister Lucile and nephews, brothers-in-law,

cousins, and, of course, many, many friends.

If you wish to honor Winnie's memory with a donation, please give to your favorite animal, environmental or other charity in her name. Memorial services will be held at Benicia Lutheran Church, 201 Raymond Drive, 2PM on Wednesday, January 10.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 10. 2:00 PM (PT)

Benicia Lutheran Church
201 Raymond Dr
Benicia, CA 94510

Tribute Wall



“ *Winnifred A. "Winnie" Juvik*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of your loss. She was indeed a classy, sweet, and kind lady. Our heartfelt sympathy as you navigate the difficult days ahead. Thinking of you.*

Sharon Glenn Stuckey

Cynthia Glenn McIntosh

Cindy McIntosh - January 27, 2018 at 08:26 PM



Thanks, Cynthia, yes, she was a great mom and we will miss her forever.

Mary Juvik - February 01, 2018 at 04:24 PM



“ *Laura Hooker lit a candle in memory of Winnifred A. "Winnie" Juvik*



Laura Hooker - January 25, 2018 at 11:35 AM



Mary, Richard & Family members we are so very sorry for your loss, Winnie was a dental patient in our office and always came in with a smile, she will be missed.

Laura, Dr. Mansfield & Staff

Laura Hooker - January 25, 2018 at 11:38 AM

MJ

Laura, thank you. Thanks all your for care in treating our mom. She was so fond of you, Dr. Mansfield and everyone there.

Mary Juvik - February 01, 2018 at 04:26 PM



Miss my grandma so much 😞😞😞

Nick Richardson - February 10, 2022 at 01:20 PM

PA

“ *Love and many, many wonderful memories from the Gronna kids.*

Pat Gronna Anderson - January 09, 2018 at 09:51 PM

MJ

Pat, to you and the rest of the family, we will miss her greatly.

Mary Juvik - February 01, 2018 at 04:27 PM

TW

“ *Toby Wells purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Winnifred A. "Winnie" Juvik.*



Toby Wells - January 09, 2018 at 05:55 PM

SP

“ Mrs. Juvik was the mother of one of my long time school friend, Patty Juvik Woods. Mrs. Juvik was one of the kindest, loving and most gracious woman I have ever been blessed to know and love. My deepest condolences to Judy and Mary. I know you will miss your mom greatly, but will be comforted by knowing she is in Heaven and reunited with Mr. Juvik, Richard, Patty, and Darrel. May God Bless and comfort you doing this loss. With love, Sherryl Barr Palmer (Omaha, NE)

Sherryl Barr Palmer - January 09, 2018 at 11:29 AM

MJ

Sheryll, thanks for your kind thoughts....many memories of fun times back then.

Mary Juvik - February 01, 2018 at 04:29 PM

SB

“ We first met Winnie when we moved to Benicia in 1999 when my husband Gary Bell became the pastor at Benicia Lutheran Church. What a wonderful friendship ensued over the years. She was just the sweetest, considerate lady you could ever meet, but also very strong in her beliefs and her faith. I felt like she was my adopted "mom". We had so many nice visits-she loved to bake and would put out this amazing spread of goodies and we would drink tea and visit. When Richard joined the household he also was part of these get togethers and it was always great. Our prayers go out for her wonderful family. We will miss Winnie so much! She was a true blessing in our lives.

sheryl k bell - January 08, 2018 at 12:28 PM

MJ

Sherry, thanks for your kind thoughts. She loved both of you very much and had fun baking for your visits when she was still able. We will all miss her very much.

Mary Juvik - February 01, 2018 at 04:31 PM

DP

“ I first met Winnie and Bert through church (St. John's), and Winnie through Circle and Ladies Aid. She was always fun to work with and had a smile for everyone. Great people. I remember you kids when you were growing up. Thoughts and prayers go out to you.

Diane Piittmann - January 07, 2018 at 10:51 PM

MJ

Thank you for your very kind thoughts.

Mary Juvik - February 01, 2018 at 04:33 PM

LR

“ So sorry to hear of Winnie's passing. The memories I have of staying at her house and being together with Pat. We really had some good times there and Winnie was always cordial and so nice to all of us. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. God bless.

Linda Riek - January 07, 2018 at 07:47 PM

MJ

Linda, thank you. We have many fond memories of those farm days, don't we?

Mary Juvik - February 01, 2018 at 04:34 PM

DJ

“ Aunt Winnie and her family would come out to see us occasionally here in the Northwest. I loved her soothing voice and great smile. I always felt a closeness to her even though I was adopted into the Juvik Family. The last time she and Patty came out we took them to Seattle for the day. I am glad we did that. They both had a great time. They were amazed at how many Starbuck stores there were in Seattle. God Bless Her! And God Blessed me with knowing her, My Aunt Winnie. Love, Dave Juvik

Dave Juvik - January 07, 2018 at 04:21 PM

MJ

David, thanks, we will miss her forever.

Mary Juvik - February 01, 2018 at 04:35 PM

DR

“ *Debra Robella lit a candle in memory of Winnifred A. "Winnie" Juvik*



Debra Robella - January 07, 2018 at 12:32 PM