

Margaret B. Wild
April 29, 1920 - June 1, 2000

MADISON/NEW GLARUS - Margaret B. Wild, age 80, passed away on Thursday, June 1, 2000, at New Glarus Home.

She was born on April 29, 1920, in the Town of Washington, Green County, Wisconsin, daughter of Arnold and Bertha (Koller) Widmer. She graduated from Belleville High School in 1937 and later from Groves Barnhardt School of Secretaries in Madison.

She was married to Irving Wild for 31 years.

She was employed at Klassy Milling in New Glarus and then became the deputy county clerk and secretary to the Green County Board until 1967. She worked for Southern Wisconsin Cattle Credit Company in Monroe and New Glarus until 1979, living in New Glarus for 35 years. She then moved to Madison and worked for Farmers Credit Company as a deputy custodian until her retirement. She was an original member of the Edelweiss Stars yodeling group for 20 years. Highlights of her career include singing in the Walt Disney movie Adventure in Dairyland in 1956 and performing in Switzerland in 1968 and 1971. She was a past matron of the New Glarus and Middleton chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star and past mother advisor of Mount Horeb Assembly of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls. She was a member of Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ, Madison.

Survivors include a son, Eugene "Teeny" (Ruth) Wild of Readstown; and a daughter, Lou Ann (Thomas) Colby of Madison. Margaret is survive by three seafaring grandchildren,. Todd (Deborah) Wild of Platteville/Alaska, Tony Wild at sea, and Midshipman Brian "Bud" Colby at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland; and land-based grandchildren, Tammy Wild Stonko of Dubuque, Iowa, Mark Colby of Madison, and Robert "Robbie" (Tracy) Newlum of Viola. She had seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother in infancy; her sister, Dorthea Ingwell; and a grandson, Staff Sergeant Frank Stonko, United States Army.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, June 5, 2000, at 10:30 a.m. at NEW GLARUS HOME CHAPEL, New Glarus. The Rev. Winton Boyd will officiate, with burial in the Town of Washington Cemetery.

Relatives and friends may call from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, 2000, at ZENTNER-BEAL FUNERAL HOME, 29 Sixth Ave., New Glarus.

She loved to sing and yodel, quilt, and travel on cruises. was always a friend to those who were in need. Blessed be the memories of Margaret Wild.