

Nellie J. Babler

August 26, 1928 - January 12, 2020

Nellie J. Babler, age 91 passed away on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison.

She was born on August 26, 1928 in Monticello the daughter of Johannes and Leonia (Staley) Wirth.

On December 4, 1946 she was united in marriage to Harlan Babler in Monticello. Nellie and Harlan farmed in the Monticello/New Glarus area until purchasing a farm in the Town of Primrose. In 1982 the couple retired from farming and moved to New Glarus, and she was a faithful member of the Swiss United Church of Christ.

Nellie loved gardening and sewing. She was also very artistic, and loved dancing with her husband Harlan. Nellie was also very proud of her Swiss heritage and was able to travel to Switzerland five times.

Nellie is survived by her children Maxine (Howard) Ward, Shelby Jean (Ronald) Fritz, Dionne (Linda) Babler, Bradley Babler, Glenda (Joe Puccio) Johnson, Gwendolyn (David) Goplin, and Stephanie (Philip) Rohner, nineteen grandchildren Kevin Ward, Kaylin Stampfl, Harlan (Mary) Ward, Wesley (Dana) Ward, Jason (Kari) Fritz, Kelly (Troy Schon) Fritz, Damion (Emily) Babler, Derick (Brooke) Babler, Tenesha (Derrek) Rovinski, Jordan and Bryce Babler, Taryn and Travis Johnson, Chad (Jessica) Goplin, Alesha (Vinicio) Dy, Chet and Britta Goplin, Eric (Leah) Rohner, and Aubrey (William) Stuessy, twenty-one great-grandchildren Cody, Allison, Tyler, Mackenzie, Jesse, Avery, Riley, Dylan, Danen, Adayla, Marliese, Evan, Harlan, Easton, Fletcher, Jessina, Marshall, Aurelia, Harlan, Brooks, and Seth, and one great-great-granddaughter Faith. She is further survived by sisters-in-law Fredes Wirth, Elvia Wirth, and Arlene Krueger.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Harlan, brothers, Wilbert, Edwin, Walter, and John Wirth, and sisters Wilma Saxer, Viola Holcomb, and Mabel Zimmerman.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at the Swiss United Church of Christ, 18 Fifth Ave., New Glarus, WI with Pastor Petra Streiff officiating. Burial will be in the Swiss Cemetery, New Glarus, WI.

A visitation will precede the funeral service from 10:00 a.m. until time of services on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at the Swiss United Church of Christ in New Glarus.

