



## Mary E. Fries

September 11, 1924 - December 14, 2021

Mary E. (Prah) Fries, 97, of Richland Center, passed away peacefully with family by her side on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at Pine Valley Community Village where she had been a resident for the past six years. She was born September 11, 1924 in Richland Center, WI, the daughter of Gustave and Susan (Deitelhoff) Prah.

Mary was raised in Madison, graduating from Madison West High School in 1943. Shortly after graduation she met her future husband, Theron Fries Jr. , while visiting in Lone Rock. In December 1943 they began a marriage that would last more than 50 years. Along with giving birth to 9 children in a 10 year period (1945-1955) she was also a busy farm wife. Mary also worked many years at the O'Brian Brothers Plant in Richland Center and then in Janitorial Services at the University of Wisconsin. In retirement she and Theron would winter in Florida and after his death she lived in Indiana and Florida with children, prior to returning to Wisconsin in 2007.

Survivors include seven children; Carol Fries of Madison, WI, Janet Hopper of Bedford, IN, Martha Shaefer of Richland Center, WI, Laura (Bob) Hopper of Bedford, IN, David Fries of Richland Center, WI, Paul (Cheryl) Fries of Reedsburg, WI and Bettie (Rich) Ittner of Madison, WI. Along with her children she is survived by 10 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. She is also survived by 1 sister, Florence Moore of Richland

Center, WI and 1 brother, Frank (fiancee Christine) of Clearwater, FL. Also many nieces, nephews and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years Theron Fries Jr., two children, Arthur (Brenda) Fries and Lucy Fries, son-in-law Ed Shaefer, her parents, Gustav and Susan Prahm Browder, step-father John Browder, two brothers and sister-in-laws, William (Trudy) Prahm and Edward (Nancy) (Joyce) Prahm, brother-in-law Don Moore, brother and sister-in-law Lester and Mildred Porter.

A celebration of Mary's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Pine Valley Community Village in her honor. If you have a special memory you would like to share with the family you may mail it to Paul Fries, 2218 Rufus Rd, Reedsburg, WI 53959.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Li8 King lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Fries*



Li8 King - December 18, 2021 at 09:02 PM

JJ

“ *Dear Fries family, We didn't have the pleasure to know you Mom very well but we know the fruit of her love and how much she cared for you. Praise God for and savor all the good memories you have of her. Thanks for raising her so well.*

John Schmitz & Jean - December 17, 2021 at 10:43 PM

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“ *Lucy and I extend our condolences to the family.*

Philip Moore - December 15, 2021 at 09:05 PM

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“ *My Deepest Sympathy to the entire family.*

Jean M Louis Fry - December 15, 2021 at 05:26 PM