



Nova E. Brucks

April 1, 1923 - May 27, 2016

Nova Elisabeth (Frey) Brucks, age 93, passed away at Maria Center, Donaldson, Ind. on May 27, 2016

Nova was born on Easter Sunday April 1, 1923 in Fellows, Calif., the daughter of Fred Robert Frey and Olga Louise (Fellin) Frey. On August 4, 1943 she married T/Sgt. Thomas N. Brucks in Taft, Calif. He preceded her in death on October 30, 1991.

She attended Taft College and was employed by the War Department at Gardner Field, Calif. for three years. Her latest employment was as the superintendent's secretary and bookkeeper at Decatur Public Schools for 26 years, from which she retired in 1986.

Nova was an active member of Holy Family Church, a member of Decatur Study Club, a life member of the VFW Auxiliary, and volunteered for Meals on Wheels and her church.

Survivors include her children, Donna (Ron) Lask of Hernando, Fla., Connie Rebey of Walkerton, Ind., Thomas (Elyse) Brucks of Roseville, Calif. and daughter-in-law, Leslie Brucks of Decatur, Mich., ten grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and sister, Louise McConnell of Santa Cruz, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her husband; son, Frederick Brucks; sister, Helen Sanford; and brother, Fred Frey.

At her request, cremation has taken place. A memorial mass will be held on Friday, June 3, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Family Church in Decatur with Father Robert Creagan officiating.

Memorials may be made to Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Ministry, 9601 Union Rd., Donaldson, Ind. 46513; Holy Family Church; or the VFW Auxiliary. Rannells Funeral Home Koontz Lake Chapel, Walkerton, Ind. is handling arrangements. To leave online condolences, visit rannellsfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Dear Brucks family, I am so sad on hearing of the passing of Nova. I first met Nova in 1974 when I began working with Elyse at a dental office in South Bend. Tom and Elyse had just moved to South Bend after getting married. Elyse and I quickly became good friends and still are today. Elyse was so homesick she quickly adopted and became a very special part of my family. Tom and Elyse have become more than just friends over the years, they are like my family. The first time I met Nova I took a great liking for her. Over the years she came to know my parents and brother as well. She was always so friendly and made you feel so welcome in her home. The last few years I have gone to take her to lunch. We made a few stops at the grocery store and of course Wall Mart. I think she made it up and down every aisle in the store at least once. I had trouble keeping up with her. Nova sure liked to shop. I know you will all miss her, that is normal. You can be thankful that she lived such a long life. I will miss the cards she liked to send in the mail. Rest in peace Nova. Mary

Mary Waechter - June 18, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“ Nova E. Brucks

April 29, 2018 at 06:45 PM

LR

“ Leslie, A.J, Kenny and Will my thoughts and prayers are with you all and your family. My she rest in the house of the Lord, Amen

Lois Slavens (Freehling) Reed - April 29, 2018 at 06:45 PM

CG

“ I am very saddened to learn of Nova's passing. It was always pleasant going into the school office as a kid with my dad who was on the faculty. She was so nice and always interested in what my endeavors were as I grew older. She was one of those souls who was the real deal. Prayers go out to her family.

Cheryl (Popp) Germain - April 29, 2018 at 06:45 PM

RL

“ Connie and Ben, We are so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a sweet lady. I'll always remember the cookies she made for us, when we came to the lake. Your family is in our prayers.

Ralph and Bobbie Lenzo - April 29, 2018 at 06:45 PM

JC

“ My condolences to the Brucks family. I knew Nova my entire life. My Mother & Nova were lifelong friends so she was family to me. God bless her.

Janet Copenhaver - April 29, 2018 at 06:45 PM



“ Dear Brucks Family, So sorry for your loss, your mother was a beautiful lady. She had a kind heart, she would always send a check to the VFW Aux. for phone cards for the guys & gals serving our country even when she moved to Indiana. Thank you for sharing your mother with us all. Sherry Creagan DeLoach

April 29, 2018 at 06:45 PM

JK

“ *She was such a sweet lady... I will always remember watching her and Betty Vliek tending their yards, taking such pride in their flowers! Nova was always so ladylike...and usually had a bright smile for everyone. I've missed her.*

Jennifer Kohler - December 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The Brucks family was like my "second family" while growing up. So many memories Nova will be missed dearly. Thoughts & prayers to the family.*

carolyn reits - December 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the whole Brucks family. I remember her well working for Mr. Hellenga, as his secretary. she always had a smile on her face, and was friendly to everyone, never treating anyone poorly. You will be missed Mrs. Brucks.*

Melody (Gossler) Tunis - December 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Deepest sympathy to all of Mrs. Brucks family. She was a beautiful, kind lady and many of us saw her daily for five years while we attended the Jr. Sr. high school in Decatur.*

Todd & Jill Hemenway - December 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM