



## Mechthild "Tildy" Ellis

February 9, 1931 - September 25, 2024

Mechthild E. "Tildy" (Mueller) Ellis, 93, of Cold Spring, MN died peacefully after a brief illness on September 25, 2024.

Tildy was born on February 9, 1931, in Köln, Germany to Dr. Franz H. J. Mueller and Dr. Therese (Geuer) Mueller. Tildy immigrated with her family at age 7 and settled in St. Paul, MN. She was an excellent student and was Valedictorian of her high school class at Derham Hall. She graduated with honors from The College of St. Catherine, St. Paul and was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study art in Europe. She taught High School Art for several years and shared her talents, love, and life-long appreciation of art to many.

In 1962, Tildy married Dr. Stewart C. Ellis, DVM and raised three boys in Cold Spring, MN. Throughout her life she served her church in many ways including serving as a Liturgy Committee Member and a member of the St. Cloud Diocese Liturgical Commission. Tildy was oblate of St. Benedict's Monastery and an outspoken Catholic dedicated to her faith and fostering an inclusive presence in the church. As an extension of her faith and talent, Tildy practiced her faith by designing and creating vestiture for bishops, priests, ministers and deacons. Tildy's love of classical music and singing led her to become a member of the Minnesota Center Choral (MCC) for many years. The MCC logo designed by Tildy is still in use today.

Tildy was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Stewart; and infant grandson, Sam.

She is survived by her sons, Walter (Trecia), Martin (Suzy), John (Sara); grandchildren Maggie, Jack, Charlie, Annie, Luke, Anna, Thomas, and Kate; siblings, Hildegard (R. Howard) Kerney, Gertrude Mueller, Dr. Reinhold Mueller, and Dr. Frank (Angie) Mueller.

The family would like to thank the caregivers, friends and extended family for their love and assistance throughout her life.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday October 2, 2024, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Cold Spring, MN. Fr. Tom Andert, OSB will preside. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Tuesday October 1, 2024, at the Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring and one hour before the service on Wednesday at the St. Boniface Church Narthex.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to St. Benedicts Monastery, Assumption Community, and Quiet Oaks Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Boniface Parish Cemetery

Cold Spring, MN 56320

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wenner Funeral Home - Cold Spring  
600 Red River Ave. So.  
Cold Spring, MN 56320

## Visitation

OCT 2. 12:30 PM - 1:15 PM (CT)

St. Boniface Church Narthex  
501 Main Street  
Cold Spring, MN 56320

## Mass

OCT 2. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church  
501 Main Street  
Cold Spring, MN 56320

# Tribute Wall

JU

“ Dear Walt, Marty and John:

*I'd like to share with you a short story about your mom which you may not know: In the fall of my senior year (1981), I broke my leg playing football. In order to help me get back on the basketball court as soon as possible, your mom picked me up from SJP and drove me to a physical therapist for 6 straight weeks. More than that, however, your mom paid for PT out of her own pocket.*

*You wouldn't know this but that year my dad's business went bankrupt and we were broke--and I wouldn't have been able to afford PT but for your mom and dad. I tell you this because I have always been grateful for your mom's kind gesture and I have tried to "pay her kindness forward."*

*I can't exactly recall what your mom and I talked about on our car rides but I do remember she tried to extract some "intel" on her sons' love interests. Fortunately, for you guys, you didn't have any girlfriends at the time so I wasn't even forced into a lie of omission. ;)*

*Seriously, though, I will always treasure your mom's kindness and will be eternally grateful for her warm heart.*

*Jack Uldrich*

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**Jack Uldrich** - October 08, 2024 at 05:38 PM

RS

“ Tildy was one of the founding mothers (as she liked to refer to herself) of the Chamber Music Society of St. Cloud, serving on the board and continuing to enthusiastically volunteer for years, especially with our annual Musical Chairs fundraiser silent auction. I first met her when I was on the board, and admired her bright ideas. I'll always remember the adventure four of us made going to a Minnesota Orchestra/Minnesota Chorale concert together. I enjoyed meeting many of her friends that helped her by driving her to St. Cloud for our concerts, and know how much she appreciated and championed music.  
Peace to her and her family,  
Rebecca Scheele, St. Cloud

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**Rebecca Scheele** - October 02, 2024 at 08:57 PM

BR

“ Brian R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mechthild "Tildy" Ellis.

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**Brian R.** - October 02, 2024 at 04:21 PM

MS

“ Michael S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mechthild "Tildy" Ellis.

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**Michael S.** - October 01, 2024 at 09:09 PM

TT

“ The Thurk's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mechthild "Tildy" Ellis.

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**The Thurk's** - October 01, 2024 at 05:01 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Mechthild "Tildy" Ellis.*



October 01, 2024 at 05:01 PM



“ *Britney & Foster Web Marketing Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mechthild "Tildy" Ellis.*

**Britney & Foster Web Marketing Family** - October 01, 2024 at 04:21 PM



“ *Britney & Foster Web Marketing Family purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mechthild "Tildy" Ellis.*



**Britney & Foster Web Marketing Family** - October 01, 2024 at 04:21 PM



“ *I always appreciated running into Tildy during my trips back to Cold Spring. Her intellect, curiosity about others and openness were always refreshing to be around.*  
*Barbara Stein Cureton*

**Barbara Stein Cureton** - October 01, 2024 at 02:39 PM

BS

“ Barbara S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mechthild "Tildy" Ellis.

Barbara S. - October 01, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ A special "thank you" to Tilde for stepping outside the box to support the ordination of women as priests. I am grateful to Tildy for lending her creative flair to the liturgies of Mary Magdalene First Apostle a woman priest-led Catholic community in St. Cloud and for her support to me, an ordained Roman Catholic Woman Priest. Her songs of praise will now be joined with all the saints and angels as prayers that all who are called into God's service might be recognized by the Church Tilde loved and served with joy.

Ruth Lindstedt - October 01, 2024 at 11:53 AM

SS

“ My prayers are with your family!

S. Julie Schleper - October 01, 2024 at 11:52 AM

DF

“ DeZiel/Schmidt families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mechthild "Tildy" Ellis.

DeZiel/Schmidt families - September 30, 2024 at 06:03 PM

DF

“ DeZiel/Schmidt families purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Mechthild "Tildy" Ellis.



DeZiel/Schmidt families - September 30, 2024 at 06:03 PM

GM

“ Greg, Lori, Emily, Elizabeth Meister planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mechthild "Tildy" Ellis.

Greg, Lori, Emily, Elizabeth Meister - September 30, 2024 at 05:45 PM

GM

“ Greg, Lori, Emily, Elizabeth Meister purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Mechthild "Tildy" Ellis.



Greg, Lori, Emily, Elizabeth Meister - September 30, 2024 at 05:45 PM

GR

“ Tildy was a very good friend to me when I lived in Cold Spring. Sorry to hear of her death and condolences to her boys. Georgene Riegel

Georgene Riegel - September 30, 2024 at 05:41 PM

PG

“ I saw Tildy Sept 21 when I brought her to St. Ben’s for Oblate Renewal Day. She was always so grateful for my rides. I appreciated her artistic skills & deep faith. Patricia Giesen

Patricia Giesen - September 30, 2024 at 03:02 PM

PS

“ Patrick S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mechthild "Tildy" Ellis.

Patrick S. - September 30, 2024 at 10:16 AM



“ Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mechthild "Tildy" Ellis.



September 29, 2024 at 12:10 PM

FF

“ Fandel Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mechthild "Tildy" Ellis.

Fandel Family - September 29, 2024 at 12:10 PM

SO

“ Tildy was a gifted liturgical artist who created many beautiful objects for the Church, especially here in the St. Cloud Diocese. She and Pat Witte spent many hours one summer, making a colorful banner for each deanery, for the 1989 Centennial Mass in Alexandria. She designed, made, and oversaw the making, of many beautiful vestments and stoles. While I was Director of the Office of Worship, she wrote columns for my newsletter to parishes, with suggestions for seasonal environments in church and home. She was always generous with her knowledge, time, and talent.  
Sister Delores Dufner, OSB

Sister Delores Dufner, OSB - September 28, 2024 at 03:17 PM

GE

Hi Sister Delores! I'm so glad that you knew my sister, Tildy! Yes. I'll miss her. You and I met many years ago.  
Gertrud Mueller Nelson

Gertrud - September 28, 2024 at 07:51 PM

KF

“ Kevin Brian Tom Bruce Craig & Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mechthild "Tildy" Ellis.

Kevin Brian Tom Bruce Craig & Families - September 28, 2024 at 10:30 AM



“ Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Mechthild "Tildy" Ellis.



September 28, 2024 at 10:30 AM