



## Del Mette-Budzynski

June 6, 1924 - March 17, 2016

Del Mette-Budzynski, 91 ½, of Rockford died on March 17, 2016 in Presence St. Anne's Center. Born on June 6, 1924 in Minnesota, daughter of Peter and Dorothy Resch. Del loved knitting, crocheting and oil painting. She was an excellent cook, and was known for her pot roast that she prepared in her special pan. She loved animals, especially Buck, Barney and Bear. Survived by children; Jerry (Peggy) Mette of Elk Grove Village, Carol (Sal) Oliveri of Hoffman Estates, David (Jan) Budzynski of Peoria, Judy (Bob) Stewart of Hoffman Estates, Jay (Laura) Budzynski of Roscoe; 10 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild; sister, Dot (Loren) Alderman of Minnesota; and beloved dog Tyler "Sparky". Preceded in death by her parents; sons, Wayne and John Mette; first husband, Robert Mette in 1959, second husband, John S. Budzynski in 2007; sisters, Joan Efraimson and Pat Koch. Celebration of Life on Saturday, April 2, 2016. Call 847-884-0887 for details. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Anne's Cafe Fund are appreciated. Private interment in St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services assisted the family. Visit [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com) to share a memory or condolence.

# Tribute Wall

CA

“ *Oh! Those Spritz Cookies!!!!*



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**Carol** - February 01 at 04:42 AM

CO

“ *Mom!!! You would be so happy to know you have 5 great grandchildren now! You would love them all!*

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**carol oliveri** - October 29, 2024 at 05:06 AM

CO

“ *I miss you every day!*

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**carol oliveriq** - November 05, 2016 at 08:57 AM

JA

“ *Mom, I love and miss you.*

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**Jay** - July 18, 2016 at 05:26 PM

CO

“ *Carol Oliveri purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Del Mette-Budzynski.*



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**Carol Oliveri** - April 01, 2016 at 01:54 PM

CA

“ *Always laugh, Mom! Keep laughing forever!* ”



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**Carol** - April 01, 2016 at 12:57 PM

EB

“ *Condolences from Del's friends and neighbors in the Grandview Condo Association. We will make a memorial gift to the St Anne's Cafe Fund in her name. The Saturday "breakfast ladies" have fond memories of Del and the funny stories she used to tell! She was a delightful woman and we enjoyed the time spent with her. Eileen Boehler* ”

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**Eileen Boehler** - March 30, 2016 at 02:26 PM

CL

*I am so sorry for your loss*

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**Cathy Levine** - April 02, 2016 at 11:35 AM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Del Mette-Budzynski.* ”



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March 29, 2016 at 12:32 AM

“ Del was my my mother in-law for over 40 years, (how time flies). Del and John were down to earth people, that made it very easy to like, then love them. They loved people, the more the merrier. One of my favorite expressions of Del's for unexpected guests, " we'll just add another cup of water to the soup". She had a great sense of humor and wit about her.

They loved camping. I grew up in a camping family too. Jerry and I tented it at first. John and Del had a pop-up camper which they so graciously offered to us to borrow, we did. Then they got a motor home. They offered that up to the family as well. Jerry and I took that offer up. But at a price. Jerry had to do mechanical work on it before we could take it out . A lesson to learn, one must work for their rewards. John and Del were hard workers in their life, for their family, a lesson they wanted their kids to learn, respect in life. They belonged to a camping group, on grandparents weekend they would take at the time their only two grandkids , my daughter Kelly and Carol's son Sal. They were so proud.

Del was a fantastic cook. At Christmas time she made fruitcake for the whole family. One would say fruitcake yuck, well I did too, until I tasted Del's. I had learned from past experiences if there is a family recipe ask for a copy so it doesn't get lost in time. So I did. The next year for Christmas I received the recipe along with the platter she always served it on. I have been making it ever since. A tradition my daughter will have to pass on to her daughter.

The one thing I am truly grateful for is Del got to meet her first great grand child. My daughter Kelly's daughter Charlotte. She was one week old at the time. When asked if she wanted to hold her she responded "you bet I do". Four and one half short weeks later Del passed.

My Mom had dementia in the last years of her life. She was there physically but not mentally. Besides being a great mother in-law she filled that void I had of my Mom. I will miss her dearly. She is now at

*peace with her loved ones and mine having one great time!*

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**Peggy Mette** - March 24, 2016 at 09:49 AM

JS

“ Mom, where to begin?

*August 1972. . . I remember Dad telling me he had someone for us to meet at the church picnic. The next thing I knew 9 months later I was standing in a green dotted-Swiss dress, a bridesmaid at your and dad's wedding.*

*What a 44 years it has been. There have been ups and downs, drama and laughter, chaos and calm. There are SOOOO many memories, power grocery shopping, drinking on the patio late night, watching west coast ball games with Dad and Bob, shoveling snow, cutting grass, trimming bushes, oh my the bags of leaves. Learning how to make many, many of your delicious dishes, and host holiday dinners. The sleepovers in Rockford with the kids so we could just hang out, meeting you and dad at camp grounds, fires, stories, cook outs, set ups & tear downs. How about the time we took the doors off the cabinets to get dad moving on the Howard street kitchen renovation?*

*You took 3 more kids into your heart making the 8 of us the “Brady Bunch on steroids” I would say. You shared so much of yourself with all of us and worked hard to take good care of us and make us a united, at times crazy, family. You have taught me to be independent, how to work hard and how to stay strong through difficult times and celebrate the triumphs and happy times and laugh and laugh and laugh through it all.*

*I could go on and on, but at the end of it, I can say you were a loving step-mom, mother, grandmother, mother-in-law and dear friend. I will miss the healthy, strong, humors, storytelling, laughing Del. I am at peace with the passing of the struggling to breath, see, and hear Del. I know you are at peace, pain free and once again laughing with my dad.*

*Love you mom!*

*Judy Ann ☐*

**Judy Stewart** - March 22, 2016 at 04:04 PM

MB

“ *Del was a very special lady. We didn't talk to each other that often, but when we did we didn't shut up. She had so much talent, but never flaunted it. She loved all of you very much and I'm sure all of you miss her very much. But I'm sure she left each of you with some of her talents-Her friendliness, sewing & knitting and her recipes for good down home cooking. So every time you do any of these things-she is right there besides you telling you what a great job your doing.*

*Our prayers are with all of you*

*Love,*

*Uncle Rich and Aunt Muriel*

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**muriel budzynski** - March 22, 2016 at 02:36 PM



“ *Dear Jerry & Peg,*

*I know how hard it is to lose your mom but she is still with all of you.*

*In our prayers & thoughts,*

*Joy & Ted MacInnis*

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**Joy MacInnis** - March 22, 2016 at 11:38 AM

CO

“ *I love you, Mom*



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**Carol Oliveri** - March 22, 2016 at 03:08 AM

PF

“ We want to extend to you and your family our deepest sympathy on the loss of a

*very special lady. I'll always remember her dry hummer.*

*Pat & Paul Feld*

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**Patricia Feld** - March 21, 2016 at 12:43 PM

CB

“ *I love you great grandma*



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**Charlie Bean** - March 21, 2016 at 06:25 AM

CO

“ *Carol Oliveri lit a candle in memory of Del Mette-Budzynski*



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**Carol Oliveri** - March 21, 2016 at 05:59 AM

CB

“ *I love you great grandma*

*-Charlie Bean*



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**Charlie Bean** - March 20, 2016 at 03:50 PM

PM

“ *Peggy Mette lit a candle in memory of Del Mette-Budzynski*



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**Peggy Mette** - March 20, 2016 at 03:21 PM



“ *Jerry Mette lit a candle in memory of Del Mette-Budzynski*



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**Jerry Mette** - March 20, 2016 at 02:57 PM



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**Jerry Mette** - March 20, 2016 at 02:54 PM

GB

“ *Gary Blaquiere lit a candle in memory of Del Mette-Budzynski*



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**Gary Blaquiere** - March 19, 2016 at 09:00 PM

SB

“ I will always remember the wonderful visits we all had and how happy we all were when Del came out with Wayne, Jerry and Carol. All of us kids played so well together but I remember the "bets" my dad made with the boys to eat watermelon. They would win the bet but dad ,I don't think, ever paid up. All Jerry wound up with was a belly ache from eating too much watermelon. .... good times. Del was a special lady and our whole family was extremely fond of her. Whenever she was around everyone had such a wonderful time... she will be forever remembered fondly. .. she is up in heaven I have no doubt having a grand old time with Ed, Gen and Elsie. She will be missed by us all.

Sue Blaquiere - March 19, 2016 at 07:54 PM

JM

thank you Sue,,,

jerry mette - March 21, 2016 at 08:15 AM

SB

“ Sue Blaquiere lit a candle in memory of Del Mette-Budzynski



Sue Blaquiere - March 19, 2016 at 07:45 PM

KB

“ Kelly Bean lit a candle in memory of Del Mette-Budzynski



Kelly Bean - March 19, 2016 at 04:40 PM

RE

“ *Roberta Efraimson lit a candle in memory of Del Mette-Budzynski*



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**Roberta Efraimson** - March 19, 2016 at 04:25 PM

RE

*My Aunt Del, what a great lady - you will be missed. Roberta*

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**Roberta Efraimson** - March 19, 2016 at 04:27 PM

“*Del was my mother in-law. She wasn't a motherly figure to me, she was my friend. It was fun being with her, from the time we first met, as she, three-sheets-to-the-wind in the back yard of her Howard Street home, told stories full of "Del-isms;" to the last meal we shared, as she received spoonfuls of hot fudge sundae, unable to communicate (except with a grin.)*

*I remember stories of her early life in Pine City, Minnesota, playing saxophone in the band, taking the dreaded voice lessons to please her impossible-to-please mother, of her impish father delivering on rural mail routes, whipping up angel food cakes for birthday celebrations and always teasing. I was amazed at how young she was when she embarked on the adventure of her life; single, leaving small town life for the big city of Chicago.*

*Depending on the kindness of neighbors and friends, working long hours, struggling, she raised three children alone after the early loss of Bob, her first husband. Then she took on three more children, and the impossible task of blending a houseful of teens and preteens after her marriage to John.*

*I heard many stories of gratitude for people who did kindnesses for her and her children. I've met many of her life long friends whom she never took for granted.*

*And been amazed at the tight bonds she formed with her friends. I admired her deep affection for her beloved husband John, whom she loved being with, camping with, drinking with, dancing with, laughing with, and cooking for.*

*The loss she endured in her life, without ending up bitter or hopeless, was moving. She buried her first born baby, her first husband after a long illness, and another son in adulthood. She fought loneliness and grief after the loss of her second husband. However, Del never lost her gift of story-telling, nor until the very end, her beautiful, sense of humor.*

*In her later years, after the loss of her beloved John, I had the honor to be trusted by Del, to “have her back”...be a caregiver. I’m not sure who received more care. Thanks for all the meals for me and my kids. For politely praising my cooking, no matter how badly I dried out the meat...again. For always showing gratitude for the little tasks that most people don’t even notice, let alone acknowledge. For forgiving me for when I couldn’t always be there, when I got too pushy, when I got frustrated.*

*Thank you for sharing your life with me, your fears and frustrations, your dreams for your children & grandchildren, your chicken & dumplings, banana bread, and Schwan’s ice cream treats, your empathy and wisdom. Thank you for the lessons in friendship, in hope, and endurance. I will forever remember the warm comforting feeling of acceptance in your home, in your presence. I hope there’s a comfy recliner waiting there in Heaven for you. Let’s cross our ankles and talk about the neighbors.*

*Love,*

*Laura-bird*

*(your grateful daughter in-law)*

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**Laura Budzynski** - March 19, 2016 at 04:20 PM

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*That was beautiful Laura 😍*

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**Patricia Mierisch** - March 19, 2016 at 08:18 PM

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*Laura what a beautiful tribute to Mom, made me cry. You were truly an Angel sent to Mom. We love you Jerry and Peggy*

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**Peggy Mette** - March 20, 2016 at 03:17 PM

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“ I will always treasure in my heart all the wonderful times we had with Del, Wayne, Jerry and Carol. My parents loved it when Del came to visit with the kids! She is at peace and had all of her family and friends waiting for her at the Pearly Gates. We will always keep you in our hearts Del you were one of the strongest women I have ever known 🙏



Patricia Mierisch - March 19, 2016 at 02:06 PM

JM

thank you Pat

jerry mette - March 21, 2016 at 08:17 AM

SL

“ Scott And Mary Larson lit a candle in memory of Del Mette-Budzynski



Scott and Mary Larson - March 19, 2016 at 12:06 PM



“ Jerry Mette lit a candle in memory of Del Mette-Budzynski



Jerry Mette - March 19, 2016 at 09:11 AM

KB

“ *Kelly Bean lit a candle in memory of Del Mette-Budzynski*



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**Kelly Bean** - March 18, 2016 at 07:28 PM