



## Mildred M. Leenerts

April 21, 1920 - September 30, 2015

Mildred M. Leenerts, 95, passed away on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at Heritage Crossings in Geneva, Nebraska where she had been a resident for the last 5 years.

Mildred was born near Ohiowa, Nebraska on April 21, 1920 to Guy and Clarice (Overhalser) Christiancy, and lived in the Bruning and Geneva area for her entire life. She graduated from Bruning High School in 1937, and was married to Raymond Leenerts, who preceded her in death in 1964.

Mildred enjoyed baking cookies and caring for children. She created and baked cookies for the community of Bruning for many years. She provided “grandmotherly” child care for a number of children and families of that same area. She had an extensive cookie jar and cookbook collection, filling cookie jars with her baking, and reading cookbooks like they were novels.

Following her husband’s passing, Mildred attended Lincoln Business School in Lincoln, Nebraska graduating from there and beginning work as a bookkeeper at NAPA Auto Supply in Hebron, Nebraska. She was employed there for 20 years. After her retirement, she kept active caring for children in her home.

Mildred moved to Heritage Crossings in Geneva on November 2, 2010 and was a resident there until her death.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents; Guy and Clarice Christiancy; her husband, Raymond; and her brother, Floyd Christiancy.

She is survived by her daughter Marjorie (Larry) Biehl of Tucson, AZ; son Gayle (Genevieve) of Omaha, NE; grandchildren Lorri (Harley) Puckett of Tucson, Kelley Schmidt, Minneapolis, MN, Benjamin (Michelle) Leenerts, Papillion, NE, and James Leenerts of Omaha, NE; three great-grandchildren; and her sister Marie Lowe, of Salina, KS.

Funeral services for Mildred were held on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning with Pastor Stuart Sell officiating. Janice Fintel accompanied the congregation in the singing of "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art," and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand."

Pallbearers for the service included Tim Remmers, Mark Hinrichs, Dave Messman, Clint Werner, Dave Bruning, Lloyd Bartels, and Fred Bruning. Honorary bearers were Evan Remmers, Ashley Hinrichs, Zoey Messman, Brianna Werner, Brady Werner, Kristen Bruning, Tammi Bartels, Andrea Bartels, and Abby Bruning. Interment was held in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Farmer & Son Funeral Home conducted the services.

Memorials are directed to Heritage Crossings in Geneva. Online condolences may be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com).

# Comments

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“ I met this sweet lady when we worked together in Geneva for a short time many years ago. In fact it has been 49 years, but I never forgot her lovely personality. I still have her recipe for carrot cake.

**Charline (Komarek) Brown** - October 07, 2015 at 11:15 AM

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“ From Gladys Hopken and family:

We were so sorry to hear of Mildred's passing. Mom and Mildred were good friends and were always trying out new recipes with each other.

Mildred was always smiling and she had her special laugh.

We will always remember Mildred's love for her great collection of cookie jars.

Mom is not in the best of health herself, so we are sorry that we will not be in attendance today at her funeral, but our sympathy goes out to her family.

God bless!

**Georgia Thomas** - October 05, 2015 at 07:57 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mildred M. Leenerts.



October 04, 2015 at 02:07 PM

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“ Mike, Peg and Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mildred M. Leenerts.



Mike, Peg and Family - October 01, 2015 at 06:22 PM