



Bernadeen A. "Bernie" Larsen

March 29, 1929 - October 21, 2018

Bernadeen Anna "Bernie" Larsen, 89, formerly of Exeter, Nebraska, passed away on Sunday, October 21, 2018, at Ambassador Health in Nebraska City, Nebraska. She was born on March 29, 1929, to Marcus and Mabel (Range) Johnson at their farm near Friend, Nebraska.

Her education was obtained through School District no. 92 in rural Saline County, Friend High School, the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and Commercial Extension Business College in Omaha. Bernie was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. On October 29, 1950, Bernie and Ted Larsen were married at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at Cordova, which later became part of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. She taught Sunday School and was a member of the church women's organization at Trinity. Bernie was a supportive wife to Ted and mother of seven children. Because of son Rodney's developmental disabilities, she was a life-long advocate for services to persons with special needs. She was employed at Nebraska Public Power District office in Exeter for 21 years. Along with Ted, she supported the creation of a Senior Center in Exeter and enjoyed being active there. She was a member of the William Sullivan American Legion Auxiliary unit 218. She enjoyed traveling and spent several winters with Ted in Weslaco, Texas. She had talents for drawing, sewing, and writing, enjoyed playing cards, and cared greatly for friends and family.

Bernie is survived by sons Larry of Wuppertal, Germany, Tom of Galesburg, Ill., and Wayne (David Rush) of Murphysboro, Ill.; daughters Connie (Pete) Kreifels of Dunbar and Karen (Craig Kenworthy) Larsen of Seattle, Wash.; sister-in-law Ruth Steinke of Des Moines, Iowa; grandchildren David Larsen of Wuppertal, Germany, Jessica (James) Arent of Bellevue and Jackie Kreifels of Lincoln; great-grandchildren Leo, Ellis, and Oliver Meyer of Lincoln and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sons Ted and Rodney, twin brother Bernard Johnson and sisters and brothers-in-law Jen and Jake Wattles and Myrna and Jack Mehser.

A Funeral Service for Bernie was held on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cordova, Nebraska. Pastor Michelle Kanzaki officiated the service. Amy Emshoff accompanied the congregation in the singing of "Softly & Tenderly," "Borning Cry," and "Children Of The Heavenly Father."

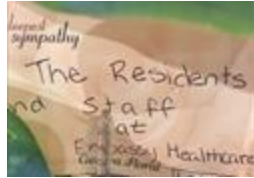
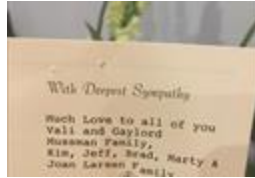
Pallbearers for the service included Tom Larsen, Wayne Larsen, David Larsen, David Rush, Pete Kreifels, Craig Kenworthy, and James Arent.

Interment was held in the Zastrow Cemetery following the Funeral Service. Farmer Funeral Home of Exeter was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com. Memorials are suggested to the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cordova.

Tribute Wall



“ 16 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - October 27, 2018 at 12:30 PM

DW

“ Our sympathy to my cousins, your mom will be missed so! Our thoughts and prayers to your family at this time and may you celebrate your mom's life with very special memories.
Diana and Mark Watton

Diana Watton - October 25, 2018 at 10:24 AM

SW

“ Steve Sidie and Bev and Lee Whiteside purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bernadeen A. "Bernie" Larsen.



Steve Sidie and Bev and Lee Whiteside - October 25, 2018 at 09:42 AM

BO

“ *Our sympathy in your loss. Your mother was a wonderful lady.*

Bonnie - October 24, 2018 at 06:20 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Bernadeen A. "Bernie" Larsen.*



October 24, 2018 at 02:41 PM

JB

“ *With deepest sympathy to "Bernie's" entire family. I enjoyed visiting with her about the towns surrounding her home town and doing her fingernails when she resided in the Linden View Assisted Living Facility. She was very sweet individual.*

Jenice Bates - October 24, 2018 at 10:11 AM

GP

“ *Hi Larsen kids, remember you all well. So sorry for you're loss. Ted and Bernie came to see us when we moved to YMCA Camp Kitaki and also when we retired from there and we moved to Republican City, NE. They were always a joy to have around. We got to show them around. Sympathy to the family Wayne (Pete) and Gladys Petersen*

Gladys Petersen - October 23, 2018 at 04:47 PM