



Irene L. Bartels

September 19, 1934 - February 28, 2015

Irene Lucille Bartels of Geneva, Nebraska celebrated her eternal life in Christ when she died at the age of 80 on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Southlake Village in Lincoln. Irene was born September 19, 1934 in Breman, Kansas to Frederick and Clara (Meyer) Wasserman.

She was baptized on September 30, 1934 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Breman Kansas and confirmed on April 10, 1949 at Our Savior Lutheran in Odell, NE. Irene married Frederick Bartels September 4, 1966 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Beatrice Nebraska and moved to his dairy farm near Tobias where she worked beside him and together they raised three daughters.

Frederick and Irene were active members of Zion Lutheran Church in Tobias NE. where they served in many capacities. Irene was a woman a confident, deep, and sustaining faith in the grace of Jesus Christ. She was a delightful mother and grandmother who took great joy in her family. Irene loved to serve and care for others and for years did so as she drove school bus for Meridian Public schools and later worked as a nurse's aid and activities director at the Filmore County Hospital. She blessed many with her talent as a seamstress and enjoyed giving to her community and through her leadership in TOPS, her service in the American Legion Auxiliary and the church.

Irene is preceded in death by parents Clara and Frederick Wasserman and Husband Frederick Bartels.

She is survived by three daughters: Jana Bartels of Grand Island, NE., Lynette (Steve) Kohtz of West Des Moines, IA., Carol Bartels of Cypress, TX., grandsons Noah and Levi Kohtz, Brothers Melvin (Verna) Wasserman of Lincoln, NE., Eldon (Lavon) Wasserman of Plymouth, NE., Leonard (Delores) Wasserman of Lincoln, NE., sisters-in-law Lois Schoenbeck of Fairbury, Ne., and Lucinda Beckman of Lincoln, NE., and numerous nieces and nephews.

Public visitation will be held only Monday, March 2 from 1:00PM-8:00PM at the Farmer and Son's Funeral home in Geneva. Family will be greeting friends from 6:00PM-8:00PM. Graveside committal service will be at 1:30 PM at the Tobias Cemetery followed a celebration of life at Zion Lutheran Church at 2:30 PM. Memorials to the family for later designation.

Tribute Wall

KW

“ Prayers and sympathy for your families. Irene was such a nice lady.

Kathy Jezl Wilcox

Kathy Jezl Wilcox - March 04, 2015 at 03:29 PM

KH

“ Sincere sympathy to you girls. I enjoyed working with your mother at Meridian. She was such a sweet and caring lady and saw humor in everyday activities. Using her strong faith, she was able to see the good in everyone. She will be missed. Kathy Hinzman Houser

Kathy Houser - March 02, 2015 at 10:31 PM

CR

“ Thinking of you!
Craig and Lisa Rafert



craig and lis rafert - March 02, 2015 at 10:06 PM

 Kristin Tobiason

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Irene's beauty truly lives on in the lives of her and Fritz's amazing daughters.



Kristin Tobiason - March 02, 2015 at 09:02 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Irene L. Bartels.*



March 02, 2015 at 12:09 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Irene L. Bartels.*



March 02, 2015 at 11:50 AM



“ *Jim And Carlene Whitehead lit a candle in memory of Irene L. Bartels*



Jim and Carlene Whitehead - March 02, 2015 at 10:43 AM

BD

“ Jana ~ I remember years ago when your Mom came up to me following a Contemporary Worship Service in the gym at Trinity. .she deeply thanked me for having you be part of the team. I assured her that the Lord led you to us and that whoever felt in their gut that they were supposed to be part of "us" was welcome. I could tell how proud she was of you.

Our journey of a closer walk with the Lord continues here on earth; for her --- the journey just got a whole lot sweeter. I can only imagine...

Hugs. Brian and Marcia Davis <><

Brian & Marcia Davis - March 02, 2015 at 09:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Irene L. Bartels.*



March 02, 2015 at 09:33 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Irene L. Bartels.*



March 02, 2015 at 07:40 AM

BS

“ Brooke and Carlos Silva purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Irene L. Bartels.



Brooke and Carlos Silva - March 01, 2015 at 08:36 PM

DO

“ My dear friend's love and hospitality will be missed! My memories go back to when Irene and Fritz welcomed me to Zion and NTYNTTO! After altering my wedding dress, she became my closest neighbor and mentor. She dried many a tear when she and Fritz and the girls babysat our boys. Her toy stash never failed to entertain them! The stories she told of driving the kindergarten "bus" for them, especially of Nate's barking, were most entertaining! And, oh what fun we had shopping together throughout the years! Thank you, Lord, for blessing my life with Irene and her family! Can't wait to see her and Fritz later up there with our precious Savior!

Donna - March 01, 2015 at 07:46 PM

DB

“ Irene was a very dedicated woman who tried to bring comfort and companionship to the patients during her many years as activities director of the Long Term Care unit of Fillmore County Hospital. I had the privilege of working with her when she lined up ministers for the spiritual services she coordinated for many years. She realized the importance of spiritual readiness for all.

May she be rewarded for her long service and remembered with love and laughter by all who were blessed to know her.

Deb Bixby

Deb Bixby - March 01, 2015 at 04:56 PM