



Annita Schlueter

October 8, 1940 - February 15, 2012

The funeral mass for Annita Marie Schlueter of rural Bertha was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bertha with Father Peter VanderWeyst presiding. Annita passed away unexpectedly at the age of 71 years on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at her home in Germana Township. Annita was born on October 8, 1940 with her twin sister Annette at Waseca, MN to David and Margaret (Bishman) Zimmerman. She graduated Salutatorian from Sacred Heart Catholic High School in 1958 and attended a year at Mankato State University before transferring to the St. Paul campus of the University of MN, graduating in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in Home Economics. She was united in marriage with Harold Frederick Schlueter Jr. on April 11, 1964 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca. Annita has worked as a Home Extension agent, homemaker, farmer, group home aide and most recently as the first person hired to be a greeter at the Walmart store in Wadena. She has lived in the Bertha area for 30 years. She was a member of the Clovia Sorority, the Eagle Bend Homemakers, and as a 4-H Club leader, she won a national 4-H leadership award. She shared her musical talents as the church organist and a member of the choir at St. Joseph's Church and enjoyed playing the accordion. She also enjoyed playing cards, computer scrabble, socializing with family and friends, as well as talking about and spending time with her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, David Zimmerman Sr. and brother David Zimmerman, Jr. She is survived by her husband Harold; mother Margaret Zimmerman of

Waseca; daughter Marceen (Patrick) Hammer of Gully, MN; sons Gerald (Dawn) of Lincoln, CA, Myron (Louise) of Severna Park, MD, Erick (Charisse) of Stanchfield, MN and Wayne (Wendy) of Elk River, MN; 17 grandchildren; sisters Annette Bray of North Pole, AK, Alice Oden of Shoreview, MN and Becky Thompson of Littleton, CO.; and many nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were Craig Zimmerman, Todd Zimmerman, Randy Zimmerman, Patrick Oden, Ross Oden and Mark Reitz. Burial will be held at a later date at the St. Columban Catholic Cemetery at Greanleaf, MN.

Tribute Wall

TT

“ *Harald and family,*

I was so saddened to her of Anita's Passing. She always took the time to say hi and ask about the family whenever I went to Walmart. Her kindness and smile will be truely missed.

*Theresa Topp
Hewitt, MN*

Theresa (Lipinski) Topp - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *I was a coworker of Annita. We worked at Walmart together. She always had a smile on her face and knew how to cheer someone up. I will miss her good byes as I am leaving work. She will be greatly missed!*

Travis Allen - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *So sorry for your loss, your mom was a wonderful lady. You are all in our thoughts and prayers!*

Mary Craig & Michael Moore - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Harold and family,
My sympathy to each of you at the loss of your dear loved one. I will remember Anita as a person who loved people and really enjoy working with the 4-H program , both as a youth and as an adult leader in Meeker County.
She loved life and her family. I know she will be missed by many people.
Prayers of love and support are being sent you way.
Dee

dee bollin - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Harold and family,
I am sorry to hear of your sudden loss of Anita your wife and Mom. I know the heartache of such a sudden passing. All the good times you shared will be with you forever. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Betty Lipinski

Betty Lipinski - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Marceen and family,

I was shocked to hear about the passing of your mother....Moms are so special to us daughters. Please know that we are thinking of you and praying for all of your family. Hugs to you!

Take care!!

Jodi, Dean and Lilee Jo

Jodi Myers - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *Marceen and Family,*

It is really hard for you I know because your mother was a very special person. I enjoyed visiting with her. Words cannot express the sorrow I feel for you and your family. I lost my mother pretty much the same way, unexpectedly. Be sure that it will get better for you with time. She is with the Lord and I would like to think that the Lord need some more music in his life, and he chose your mother to provide that for him.

Carol

Carol . Peterson - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Very sorry to hear about your loss...*

Dwayne Lyons - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of your dear wife and mother. I can't believe that sweet little Anita is gone. Walmart will never be the same, and I'll never again walk thru those doors without thinking about her and grieving over MY loss. She was a dear friend. Always so happy, with a ready smile and greeting. And we visited about so many things. Her family was her favorite topic. You were all so loved by her. She's the one that made Walmart shopping a pleasant experience, as I think she affected everyone's attitude as they walked in the door. I can't imagine going in that store and not seeing her again. Thank you, Anita. I'm so glad I got the chance to meet you and hear about your family. You will be missed. With deep and sincere sympathy to the family.*

Jackie Hokanson

Jackie Hokanson - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Loved her smile and hellos as I entered the Walmart store.

Betty Cichy-Anderson - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ My heartfelt prayers and sympathy to Annita's family. Although I haven't seen her for several years, I have warm, wonderful memories of both Annita and Annette, our "twin sisters" at Clovia. We all shared wonderful activities at the Clovia house, although she graduated earlier than I did. We also shared some similar histories - both working with 4-H, homemakers, and working as Extension Home Agent. Blessed be her memory.

Glenice Rugland Johnson - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I am saddened to know of Annita's death. I was walking toward Walmart, actually thinking of her and her greeting always with a smile. She was the best. I didn't even KNOW her full name actually until today when I walked in with such a shock to know of her death. My condolences to her family. She was the best greeter, along with her friend, Joan Kern. Diane

Diane Hahn - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I NEVER NEW WHO SHE REALY WAS. JUST SEEN HER EVERY TIME I/WE WENT TO WAL MART. HAD A FULL SMILE EVERYTIME WALKING IN AND GAVE US A CART TO USE. WHEN LEAVING SHE WOULD ALWAYS TELL US TO HAVE A NICE DAY. SHE WILL BE MISSED AND THOUGHT OF EVERYTIME WE WALK IN.

SCOTT KERN - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Mother Teresa said "Everytime you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."*

Annita shared her smiles, her cute little stories, and her loving heart.

May the sorrow of her family be gentle on them. May memories of her be happy and filled with loud laughter.

Len Siegler, Sally Schaffhausen - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Annita's smile and uplifting personality will be missed by all who knew her. She brought sunshine and laughter to everyone who crossed paths with her. My prayers and thoughts are with her family who were so fortunate to have her. We are all better people for having known her!*

Carla Blashack - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM