



Arlene Grewe

April 24, 1933 - June 13, 2018

The Celebration of Life memorial service for Arlene Grewe, of Frazee, and formerly of Wadena, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Wadena, with Pastor Jim Stoneman presiding. Visitation with the family will be held at the church on Wednesday from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service.

After a valiant struggle with health issues for many years, Arlene, age 85, passed away with her family at her side, on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, at the Frazee Care Center, Frazee, MN.

Arlene was the ninth of ten children born to Ludwig and Wilhelmina "Minnie" (Schmidt) Utermarck on April 24, 1933 at the family farm in Otter Tail County, MN. She graduated with the Wadena High School Class of 1951. Over the years she was employed as a telephone operator in Wadena, a teacher's aid in Wadena and Willmar, as a retail clerk, and Longbridge Lumber Company office assistant while in Washington.

Arlene was united in marriage with Richard "Dick" Dale Grewe on February 26, 1955, at the Evangelical & Reformed Church in Wadena. She enjoyed five special 'loves' of life. Her dear family, her church, music, nature, and baseball. Arlene spent 40 years following her husband and their sons as they managed and played amateur baseball. She also had a green thumb with a home full of

beautiful plants. Arlene was a lifetime caregiver who loved to give and receive hugs.

Arlene and Richard enjoyed traveling to Germany, England, Switzerland, the Hawaiian Islands, and took multiple trips to Alaska. During her years in Wadena, she was active in the First Congregational UCC including teaching Release Time and Sunday School, as pianist for devotions, and was a Stewardship, Board of Education, Women's Fellowship, and circle member. She served on the funeral, Trustee, and Worship committees, on the prayer chain and as church Historian.

Arlene was a life-member of the VFW Auxiliary where she served as a color bearer, musician, delivering meals, working the fish fries and selling poppies. She belonged to the American Legion, Hospital Auxiliary, Elks Does, started Women's Softball, and was a Cub Scout den mother.

Preceding Arlene in death were her husband, Dick, on October 25, 2010; her parents Ludwig and Minnie; brothers Robert (Mary) Utermarck, Richard (Lois) Utermarck and Donald Utermarck; sisters Loretta (Bernard) Philstrom, Luella (Elmer) Kingsley, Phyllis (Cleon) Erckenbrack, Evelyn (Clarence) Mann and Della Utermarck.

Arlene will always be loved by her sons and daughter: Rick (Lynn) Grewe of Hackensack, Pam Sandberg of Biloxi, MS, and Ron Grewe of Perham; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; brother Gordon (Eleanor) Utermarck; along with beloved nieces and nephews.

Honorary urn bearers will be Arlene's grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Burial will be in Wadena Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Colfax Ave. & 1st St. SW
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

JA

“ I will miss Arlene and how she always made me smile talking baseball or hockey. We always shared a good laugh and she 100% of the time called me "Jake". I never heard her say Mike and I always loved that about her, she was into all of our nicknames and truly one of those "phenom" moms from Wadena. Take care !

Jake - June 25, 2018 at 02:16 PM

PS

Thank you Jake

Pam Sandberg - July 08, 2018 at 12:34 PM

CM

“ My beautiful Grandma...those who grew up with me know she was close to me like a Mother. She taught me how to be kind, loving, and taught me a lot about forgiveness. She showed me what it was like to have family traditions and guided me throughout high school. I would walk or ride my bike almost everyday to my grandmother's to enjoy tasty treats like homemade banana bread, butter Werthers candies, and even dollops of whipped cream!!! Her large basement was transformed many times in to villages of My Little Ponies and Littlest Pet Shops. Her room was the best to play dress- up and office in. And I loved to listen to her play the piano in the living room. Christmas was always filled with laughter and we always went to the church to light our candles and sing Silent Night. For many years she was my rock, being raised primarily by my father she taught me how to be a lady as I entered into high school. She always supported me in sports and attended my games, and she was always positive...I never saw my grandma raise her voice, she was always gentle, kind, and loving and told me beautiful stories of her childhood. I wish I was closer to aid for her in the later years of her life. Thank you so much to my uncles Rick and Ron Grewe, I'm so thankful and appreciative that she was blessed to have you there by her side these last few years. I love you Grandma, you were always the best...thank you for instilling the motherly love into me that I can now pass down to my children.

Christina McGillivray - June 25, 2018 at 10:09 AM

LW

“ Dave and I are so sad to hear the news of Arlene's passing. Will always hold fond memories of her sence of humor and her great RED hat.

Lori and Dave Wengler - June 25, 2018 at 07:51 AM

TG

“ Rick, Ron and Pam,
Your mother was always a classy lady and fun customer of mine.
RIP Arlene.
Tom Gerszewski

Tom Gerszewski - June 20, 2018 at 12:14 PM

PS

Thank you Tom

Pam Sandberg - July 08, 2018 at 12:36 PM

DS

“ Dave Schumacher lit a candle in memory of
Arlene Grewe



Dave Schumacher - June 16, 2018 at 10:41 PM

MN

“ Marilyn Nervig lit a candle in memory of
Arlene Grewe



marilyn nervig - June 16, 2018 at 06:24 PM

PS

Thank you Marilyn

Pam Sandberg - July 08, 2018 at 12:37 PM

LO

“ Prayers for your loss!

Lori Ostrowski - June 16, 2018 at 05:23 PM

CS

“ Charlotte Stemson lit a candle in memory of Arlene Grewe



Charlotte Stemson - June 16, 2018 at 10:32 AM

KM

“ Karen (Thomson) Munson lit a candle in memory of Arlene Grewe



Karen (Thomson) Munson - June 16, 2018 at 09:18 AM

PS

Thank you Karen

Pam Sandberg - July 08, 2018 at 12:37 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Hahn lit a candle in memory of Arlene Grewe



Cheryl Hahn - June 15, 2018 at 10:10 PM

BW

“ *Bob & Phyllis Wilkening lit a candle in memory of Arlene Grewe*



Bob & Phyllis Wilkening - June 15, 2018 at 07:35 PM

BW

We have missed you at church and remember what a kind lady you were.

Bob & Phyllis Wilkening - June 15, 2018 at 07:38 PM

PS

Thank You

Pam Sandberg - July 08, 2018 at 12:38 PM

RL

“ *A lifelong friend, Ruby Lynk*



Ruby Lynk - June 15, 2018 at 04:01 PM

PS

Thank you Ruby

Pam Sandberg - July 08, 2018 at 12:39 PM

MS

“ Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Arlene Grewe



Mike and Lea Snyder - June 15, 2018 at 02:32 PM

PS

Thank You

Pam Sandberg - July 08, 2018 at 12:40 PM