



Bernice Lorentz

June 2, 1938 - March 4, 2014

The Mass of Christian Burial for Bernice Evelyn Lorentz, of Wadena, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. Friends may call on Friday at St. Ann's Parish Center from 4:00-8:00 p.m. with Prayers at 5:00 and Rosary at 6:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. Surrounded by her family, Bernice passed away at the age of 75, on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Bernice was born to Lloyd Edwin and Frances Barbara (Zimmerman) Ellingworth on June 2, 1938, in Compton Township, Otter Tail County, MN. She attended Wadena Public Schools and graduated with the Class of 1956. She was united in marriage with Isadore "Nibs" A. Lorentz on February 4, 1957, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena. Bernice worked as a bookkeeper until retiring in 2002. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who happily filled her hours playing cards with family and friends, taking trips to a casino, or going to the lake to fish or build a bonfire! Most of all, she treasured spending time with her family. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents Lloyd and Frances; brothers Warren, Lloyd, Jr. and infant brother Norman; sister Marlyce Carter and infant sister Jeanette; and daughter-in-law Yvonne.

She is survived by her husband Nibs of Wadena; sons Gary of Duluth, Kevin (Ginger) of Brainerd, Jeffrey (Barb) of Wadena, Bill (Jess) of Watkins, and Kelly of Sauk Rapids; daughters Terri (Pat) Czech of St. Stephen, Tammy (Keven) Ness of Sauk Rapids, and Kimberly (Steve) Schmitz of Wadena; 18 grandchildren & one great-grandchild; brothers Raymond (Susan) Ellingworth of New York Mills and John (Debbie) Ellingworth of Hudson, WI; sisters Darlene Airhart of Crosby, Ramona Olson of Menahga and Peggy (Gerald) Porter of Deer Creek; along with sister-in-law Delores Rentz of Verndale; sister-in-law Carmen Ellingworth of New York Mills; brother-in-law Jack Carter of St. Cloud.

Serving as pallbearers will be Isaac Lorentz grandson, Brandon Lorentz grandson, McKay Ness grandson, Alex Lorentz grandson, Finn Lorentz grandson, Sean Blaisdell grandson-in-law, Brandon Theisen grandson-in-law.

Burial will be in Leaf River Cemetery in rural Wadena.

Cemetery Details

Leaf River Cemetery

12195 170th Street
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Parish Hall
514 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Visitation

MAR 8. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernice Lorentz*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *My sympathies to all the Lorentz family. God bless you in your time of grief. What wonderful, happy photos. May your memories comfort you.*

-Carla (Suchoski) Good

Carla Good - March 13, 2014 at 11:17 PM

BL

“ *Byron&Carol Larson*

Byron&Carol Larson - March 12, 2014 at 03:50 PM

JP

“ Deepest sympathies at your loss. I will always remember her smile and the "love of life" she brought everywhere she went. Bowling with her was a "hoot"! Those were the good old days! Gone they are, but she is not; as we will keep her with us by the great memories we have, until that Blessed day we meet again as our Savior has promised.. May God bless you with peace and comfort in the days ahead. Jackie and Jay Perius



Jackie and Jay Perius - March 10, 2014 at 01:22 PM

DS

“ Dave Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Dave Schumacher - March 08, 2014 at 06:14 PM

MN

“ To the Lorentz family: Sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers with you during this difficult time. Take care! Marv Nygaard and family.

Marvin Nygaard - March 08, 2014 at 06:57 AM

AL

“ Al & Kathy Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Al & Kathy Lorentz - March 07, 2014 at 07:03 PM

JL

“ To Bill and the Lorentz family,
My deepest condolences on the loss of what
must have been an incredible mom. I know
she raised a great man in Bill. May she rest in
peace and may perpetual light shine upon her
and her family.
John Labulis and family.



John Labulis - March 07, 2014 at 05:22 PM

KO

“ Krista (Suchoski) O'Brien lit a candle in
memory of Bernice Lorentz



Krista (Suchoski) O'Brien - March 07, 2014 at 03:11 PM

LW

“ "Neece" meant so much to our whole family! We send our heartfelt
sympathy to you, Nibs, and your whole family! So many fun,
wonderful memories of her live on in our hearts...she was a beauty
of a woman...inside and out! Dave and Lynda Wosmek and Family

Lynda Wosmek - March 07, 2014 at 03:10 PM

DA

“ Darlene Airhart lit a candle in memory of
Bernice Lorentz



Darlene Airhart - March 07, 2014 at 12:55 PM

SA

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Sue Airhart - March 07, 2014 at 12:53 PM

DE

“ Deanna lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Deanna - March 07, 2014 at 10:54 AM

DM

“ Deanna M. purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Bernice Lorentz.



Deanna M. - March 07, 2014 at 10:52 AM

JB

“ Jan Breuer lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Jan Breuer - March 07, 2014 at 10:10 AM

JB

“ *Jack & Lucille Belch lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz*



Jack & Lucille Belch - March 06, 2014 at 09:24 PM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Bernice Lorentz.*



March 06, 2014 at 08:06 PM

AS

“ *Allen & Donna Schmitz lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz*



Allen & Donna Schmitz - March 06, 2014 at 05:56 PM

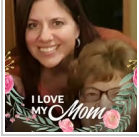
VB

“ *Nibs and family,*

We were saddened to hear of Bernice's passing and ask that God will comfort your family in the days ahead. Sorry we can't make it on Saturday, but our thoughts will be with you.

Larry and Virginia Beaver

Virginia Beaver - March 06, 2014 at 04:00 PM



“ *Irene Baron lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz*



Irene Baron - March 06, 2014 at 03:49 PM

GP

“ *Gerald And Peggy Porter lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz*



Gerald and Peggy Porter - March 06, 2014 at 02:48 PM

GP

“ *What a wonderful sister and sister-in-law, such a loving family and husband--- We are going to miss you dearly*

Gerald and Peggy Porter - March 06, 2014 at 02:47 PM

TA

“ *Nibs and family,*

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Whenever I think of Bernice I see her smile. You guys are in my thoughts and prayers.

Theresa (Kern) Allen

Theresa Allen - March 06, 2014 at 02:26 PM

VW

“ Nibs & Family:
I remember babysitting for Gary, Terry, and Kevin so many years back while you and Bernice were either at work or just going out for the evening. I think it was my first babysitting job. I have a lot of great memories from that time. Just know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. We wish for you God's blessing and peace.



Ginger and Vern Wiederich

Vern & Ginger Wiederich - March 06, 2014 at 01:11 PM

JK

“ *My sympathies are with you and your families. .*

Jill (Stigman) Kruger

Jill Kruger - March 06, 2014 at 11:52 AM

RK

“ *Oh the memories of listening to the laughs Bernice and Nibs shared with my parents playing cards or camping at Dead Lake! What a wonderful lady!*



Robin Uselman Kautto - March 06, 2014 at 11:20 AM

AB

“ *Loved the days being babysat by her and Nibs. Prayers for the entire family. Love Mandy Nick and Kayson*


amanda branby - March 06, 2014 at 10:40 AM

TA

“ *Tiffany Aagard lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz*



Tiffany Aagard - March 06, 2014 at 09:47 AM

 Pam
McKinnon
Wostrel

“ *I never knew my heart could cry so many tears after my Mom died last year, but Bernice was my "adopted" Mom! Thanks for those wonderful, fun memories! Now you, my Mom & Dad can have a drink, play some cards & talk about what wonderful families you created! Love you long time, Bernice!*

Pam McKinnon Wostrel - March 06, 2014 at 09:13 AM

LG

“ *Gary & all of the Lorentz families,
We hope you can hold on to the thought that a life lived with so much love never really ends, but goes on forever in the hearts of those who remember. Lifting you up with prayer.*

*We are so very sorry for your loss.
Mike & Lori Grand*

Lori Grand - March 06, 2014 at 09:06 AM

JG

“ *Jim & Jo Ann Gustafson lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz*



jim & jo ann gustafson - March 06, 2014 at 08:49 AM

SW

“ *Suzanne Werneke lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz*



Suzanne Werneke - March 06, 2014 at 07:56 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Bernice Lorentz.*



March 06, 2014 at 07:48 AM

DU

“ *I remember the great times we had when the Lorentz family stayed at our cabin and Cindy and I came out to make dinner on Saturday night. What a great family and amazing lady. Our sympathy and prayers to you all, Dean & Cindy*



Dean & Cindy Uselman - March 06, 2014 at 07:38 AM

DL

“ *Dennis & Linda Loween lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz*



Dennis & Linda Loween - March 06, 2014 at 06:55 AM

MV

“ Margaret & Peter VanErp lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Margaret & Peter VanErp - March 05, 2014 at 11:44 PM

BT

“ Bernice was a great lady, who always had a contagious smile. She will truly be missed by everyone that knew her. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

B.J. Thorstenson - March 05, 2014 at 10:14 PM

DV

“ Diane Vry lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Diane Vry - March 05, 2014 at 09:59 PM

JR

“ Jeanne Roggenkamp lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Jeanne Roggenkamp - March 05, 2014 at 09:00 PM

BS

“ Bruce And Trish Steinkopf lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Bruce and Trish Steinkopf - March 05, 2014 at 08:46 PM

Lacey Sogge-Kielty

“ Lacey Sogge-Kielty lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Lacey Sogge-Kielty - March 05, 2014 at 07:46 PM

DH

“ Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Darrell & Peggy Haman - March 05, 2014 at 07:35 PM

MF

“ Marie And Mike Fraune lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Marie and Mike Fraune - March 05, 2014 at 06:42 PM

JM

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Bernice was on my bowling team. We enjoyed many tournaments and had a great time with her and her crazy daughters. One of the nicest families around. She will be missed so much. She was a great person... Thinking of all of you at this hard hard time.. bye Neece... Joni Malone

Joni Malone - March 05, 2014 at 05:27 PM

RR

“ Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Rocky Reese - March 05, 2014 at 04:08 PM

RW

“ Ron & Nan Wegscheid lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Ron & Nan Wegscheid - March 05, 2014 at 04:05 PM

RT

“ Rich & Marilyn Trout lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Rich & Marilyn Trout - March 05, 2014 at 03:33 PM

MW

“ *Myron & Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz*



Myron & Karen Winkelman - March 05, 2014 at 03:24 PM

DE

“ *Dean And Cheri Endres lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz*



dean and cheri endres - March 05, 2014 at 03:10 PM

DR

“ *Donna Reineccius lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz*



Donna Reineccius - March 05, 2014 at 02:17 PM

KB

“ *Kristie & Scott Barthel lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz*



Kristie & Scott Barthel - March 05, 2014 at 02:16 PM

RY

“ Rick And Linda Youngbauer lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Rick and Linda Youngbauer - March 05, 2014 at 02:06 PM

PM

“ Penny McManigle lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Penny McManigle - March 05, 2014 at 12:36 PM

KF

“ Keppers Family lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Keppers Family - March 05, 2014 at 12:29 PM

LT

“ Les And Sarah Thorstenson lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Les and Sarah Thorstenson - March 05, 2014 at 12:21 PM

KG

“ Kyle Gylsen lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Kyle Gylsen - March 05, 2014 at 11:02 AM

DS

“ Dan And Deb Sweere lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Dan and Deb Sweere - March 05, 2014 at 10:57 AM

PL

“ Pat Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorentz



Pat Lorentz - March 05, 2014 at 10:53 AM

RS

Nibs and family: My heart goes out to you. Bernice was one SPECIAL person. I remember when you were first married and living across the street from us. She had such a quietness and a special caring for everyone she met. My prayers are with you as you go through this . Keep her memories alive, she will be with you forever in spirit. Blessed be her memories. Rosanna Sanford

Rosanna Sanford - March 12, 2014 at 06:43 AM