



Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn

October 4, 1926 - July 21, 2017

The funeral service for Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn of Wadena was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday July 26, 2017, at St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena with Pastor Stephen Meltzer presiding. Bunny passed away at the age of 90 years at the Perham Living Center in Perham on Friday, July 21, 2017.

Bernice Eloise was born on October 4, 1926 at Eagle Bend, MN to Elmer and Florence (Peterson) Carlson. She graduated with the class of 1943 from Eagle Bend High School and attended the Minneapolis School of Beauty Culture, graduating on August 4, 1944. She was united in marriage with Marvin Gust Piepkorn on April 29, 1950 in the Parsonage at St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena.

Bunny practiced cosmetology until she was 89 years old. Her first salon was in Perham until 1953 when she and Marv moved to Wadena and she opened Bunny's Beauty Shop, first uptown and later in her home. The beauty shop became an important part of all family gatherings. Holidays were always spent at Bunny's as family was most important in her life. She also loved fishing with her husband, children, and grandchildren; And enjoyed quilting at home and with the ladies of St. John Lutheran.

Bunny was preceded in death by her husband Marv on March 27, 1986;

parents Elmer and Florence Carlson; grandson Arik David Piepkorn; and brothers Leonard Carlson, Kenneth Carlson, and Lawrence (Linda) Carlson.

She is survived by her sons Kevin (Gloria) of Euless, TX, David of Wadena, John (Ann) of Minnetonka, and Paul of New York Mills; daughters Linda (LeRoy) Hoffman of Red Lake Falls and Susan (Jeffrey) Barrett of Forest Lake; 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren; and in-laws Verna Carlson, Elaine Carlson, Lorna Bjerke, Ron Piepkorn, and Lovell (Gerry) Piepkorn.

Honorary pallbearers were Bunny's grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Scott Bjerke, Logan Piepkorn, Duncan McEwen, Joshua Barrett, Anders Piepkorn, and Josephine Piepkorn. Interment was in the Wadena Cemetery in Wadena.

Cemetery Details

Wadena Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 25. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Visitation

JUL 26. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church
710 Franklin Ave. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Service

JUL 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church
710 Franklin Ave. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 24, 2017 at 06:54 PM

JL

Wonderful video!!!

Jackie Lehmkuhl - July 25, 2017 at 11:57 PM

DI

“ *what a sad loss*



Dip - January 22, 2018 at 12:46 PM

AP

“ *Bunny did my hair for my wedding in 1958. Bunny was a hard worker and always had a wonderful attitude for life. From Arleen A. Paulson - Wadena*

Arleen A. Paulson - July 26, 2017 at 08:04 AM

JL

“ Jackie Lehmkuhl lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn



Jackie Lehmkuhl - July 26, 2017 at 12:02 AM

JL

What a kind, gentle soul. Bunny was such a good neighbor. My parents really enjoyed their friendship with her. Sending prayers of comfort and strength to the family.

Jackie Lehmkuhl - July 26, 2017 at 12:04 AM

MH

“ Marge Mohs-Harrison And Harry Harrison lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn



Marge Mohs-Harrison and Harry Harrison - July 25, 2017 at 10:57 PM

MM

“ Thinking of you John and Paul at this crossroad of your life. John you was a part of our family for a while. Doreen made you love us. :) and you always seem to find me at the Tri County Hospital golf tournament before I find you. Always with a friendly smile and a hug. or is it the Mason Bros golfing fun day.? Paul, a friendly Hi when you see us as well.

I have your Mother's Zucchini bread recipe which I make ever so often. I always think of the person in a prayer whom I get a recipe from, when I use it. So she will be in my prayers ever so often.

May God Bless you both, your siblings and families.

Till you together, forever in time

Thank God for the memories

Your Mom and Dad left behind.

Marge Mohs- Harrison :)

Marge Mohs-Harrison - July 25, 2017 at 10:56 PM

SP

“ Hardly ever do I peek at Facebook, but I did this evening and saw that my dear Aunt Bunny has passed away. Bunny was a part of so many good memories of mine.

She and Marv provided me with my first summer job: helping with the house and children while Grandma and Grandpa Piepkorn were in Oregon.

All of the beautiful quilts she made were cherished by many, and for our family was the predictor of our next son-in-law. We had noticed that whoever outside of the family won a quilt soon became a family member. When Darren's name was drawn, we immediately understood that he was to be the newest addition to the Pippo family!

When I look at my wedding picture I think of Bunny. She fashioned my hair for that important event, and I loved it!

I remember giving her 70 stamps for her 70th birthday present. She was always so faithful to write long notes in every Christmas card she sent. All of them were newsy and filled with the latest on her family members.

Bunny was good spirited. She made being kind to others look effortless. It was such a part of her nature. She was a terrific role model and loving aunt. I will miss her deeply.

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you - her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

*With love and prayers,
Sandy Bjerke Pippo*

Sandy Pippo - July 25, 2017 at 09:37 PM

DA

“ I shared numerous sweet visits with your mom over the years. May the precious memories you share keep her always close at heart.



Di Schiller Anderson - July 25, 2017 at 08:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn.*



July 25, 2017 at 04:42 PM



“ *Faith & Duane Knott purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn.*



Faith & Duane Knott - July 25, 2017 at 02:46 PM



“ *Linda & Scott Gustafson lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn*



Linda & Scott Gustafson - July 24, 2017 at 10:21 PM



“ *Linda (Schmitz) Schallock lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn*



Linda (Schmitz) Schallock - July 24, 2017 at 09:16 PM

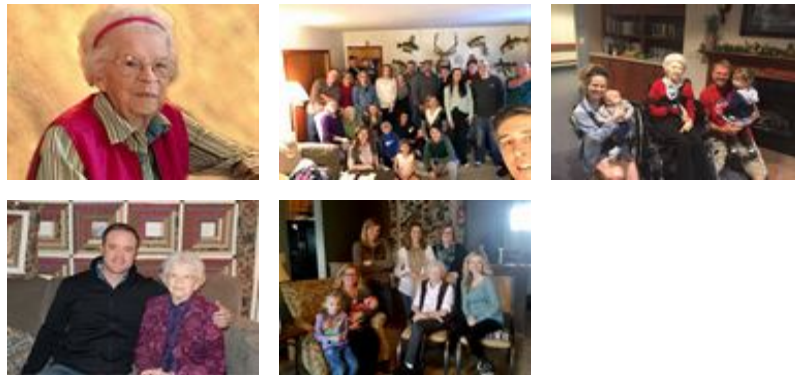
GK

“ July 21, 1962, Bunny styled my hair for my wedding. Lots of memories of her and her beauty shop. Barb Sliter Kane

Gary & Barbara Kane - July 24, 2017 at 07:51 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 24, 2017 at 06:42 PM

RP

“ Robert Peters lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn



Robert Peters - July 24, 2017 at 06:12 PM

JD

“ Julie And George Deiss lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn



Julie and George Deiss - July 24, 2017 at 05:17 PM

BG

“ *Bethany Women's Bible Study Group purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn.*



Bethany Women's Bible Study Group - July 24, 2017 at 05:06 PM

MS

“ *Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn*



Mike and Lea Snyder - July 24, 2017 at 05:05 PM

TJ

“ *The family of Melvin and Marlene Johnson purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn.*



The family of Melvin and Marlene Johnson - July 24, 2017 at 04:02 PM

RS

“ *Rosemary Stevens lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn*



Rosemary Stevens - July 24, 2017 at 09:01 AM

ME

“ Margaret & Peter Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn



Margaret & Peter Van Erp - July 23, 2017 at 10:45 PM

SS

“ Sue Snobeck lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn



Sue Snobeck - July 23, 2017 at 09:36 PM

RL

“ Ruby Lynk lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn



Ruby Lynk - July 23, 2017 at 05:53 PM

LT

“ Love, Maggie, Kate, Connie, and Lois. Euless Texas purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn.



Love, Maggie, Kate, Connie, and Lois. Euless Texas - July 23, 2017 at 05:00 PM

EF

“ *Esther And Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn*



Esther and Alan Freitag - July 23, 2017 at 01:00 PM

GC

“ *Gladys Chase lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn*



Gladys Chase - July 23, 2017 at 12:50 PM

JJ

“ *Jill Jarvis lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn*



Jill Jarvis - July 23, 2017 at 11:19 AM

JM

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Jennifer Morrow - July 23, 2017 at 10:09 AM

TD

“ The Dezentjes purchased the Peace, Prayer Blessing Sympathy Basket for the family of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn.



The Dezentjes - July 23, 2017 at 09:40 AM

JP

“ Jerry And Kathy Peterson sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn



Jerry and Kathy Peterson - July 23, 2017 at 09:10 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn.*



July 22, 2017 at 10:33 PM



“ *Alyssa Bertram lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn*



Alyssa Bertram - July 22, 2017 at 09:49 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers to Bunny's family. I remember many days of fishing and fish cleaning. Rest in peace Bunny. Jim Michelle Morgan and Madison*



Jim Harrison - July 22, 2017 at 09:16 PM



“ *Barb Brown lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn*



Barb Brown - July 22, 2017 at 09:03 PM

BB

Will miss her. We always chatted about family, fishing, and her quilting, while she cut my hair.

Barb Brown - July 22, 2017 at 09:05 PM

JS

“ *Jill Stevens-Becker lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bunny" Piepkorn*



Jill Stevens-Becker - July 22, 2017 at 07:51 PM