



Bethel Melzer

July 9, 1929 - November 11, 2016

The memorial service for Bethel Louise (Fischer) Melzer of Bertha will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 17, 2016, at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha with Pastor Blake Rickbeil presiding. Friends may call at the church on Thursday from 12 Noon until the time of services. Bethel passed away at the age of 87, on Friday, November 11, 2016 at the Iowa Methodist Medical Center located in Des Moines, IA.

Bethel was born to Milton and Esther (Maxfield) Fischer on July 9, 1929, at Wesley Hospital in Wadena, MN. She graduated from high school and lived in Wadena until the age of 23, when she moved to Bertha.

Bethel was united in marriage with Rueben Henry Melzer on March 9, 1952 at the United Methodist Church in Wadena. Community members will remember Bethel as a cashier and bookkeeper for her husband at Rueb's Market grocery store and meat processing in Bertha and as an employee at the Wadena Ben Franklin for over 10 years. At home she was busy raising their family and doing hand-stitched embroidery as time allowed. Bethel also participated in Girl Scouts and the VFW.

Bethel was preceded in death by her husband Rueben on July 25, 2008; and her parents Milton and Esther.

She is survived by her son Terry (Alice) of Hewitt; daughters Cheryl (Mark) Burgess of Sundance WY and Debra Melzer of Creston, IA; four grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; sisters Betty Wiese and Wanda Murphy; along with numerous friends and neighbors.

Honorary pallbearers will be Terry Melzer, Mark Burgess, Sam Burgess, Josh Burgess and Jesse Burgess.

Burial will be in St. Paul's Cemetery, Bertha, MN.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul's / St. John's Lutheran Cemetery

41297 135th Avenue
Bertha, MN 56437

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Bertha
203 1st Ave. SE
MN 56437

Service

NOV 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Bethel Melzer*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 17, 2016 at 10:58 AM



“ *39 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 17, 2016 at 09:51 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bethel Melzer.*



November 16, 2016 at 07:00 PM

LB

“ Love, Josh, Myria, Clayton and Dierks Burgess purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bethel Melzer.



Love, Josh, Myria, Clayton and Dierks Burgess - November 16, 2016 at 04:25 PM

RR

“ I enjoyed working with Bethel on VFW activities. She always had a smile. I am sorry for your loss. Bethel was a fun lady.



Rachele Reese - November 15, 2016 at 05:33 PM

IB

“ IRENE & JERRY BARON lit a candle in memory of Bethel Melzer



IRENE & JERRY BARON - November 15, 2016 at 03:46 PM

RB

“ Rollie & Jackie Ron & Sue and Bunny purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Bethel Melzer.



Rollie & Jackie Ron & Sue and Bunny - November 15, 2016 at 12:47 PM

CS

“ *Char Schloeder lit a candle in memory of Bethel Melzer*



Char Schloeder - November 15, 2016 at 10:29 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bethel Melzer.*



November 14, 2016 at 12:05 PM

DO

“ *Doug And Joan Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Bethel Melzer*



Doug and Joan Ostlund - November 14, 2016 at 11:09 AM

DT

“ *Diane Teigland lit a candle in memory of Bethel Melzer*



Diane Teigland - November 14, 2016 at 07:05 AM

DT

“ *Diane Teigland lit a candle in memory of Bethel Melzer*



Diane Teigland - November 14, 2016 at 07:04 AM

CG

“ *So Sorry to hear about Bethel. My thoughts and Prayers will be with you this week.*
Cindy Goepferd



Cindy Goepferd - November 13, 2016 at 10:35 PM

NB

“ *Neal And Leona Bowman lit a candle in memory of Bethel Melzer*



Neal and Leona Bowman - November 13, 2016 at 06:40 PM

NB

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Bethel was well liked by all. Such and friendly lady that I am glad I got to visit with time and time again as we would see each other in town. Our sympathy goes out to the whole family.

Neal and Leona Bowman - November 13, 2016 at 06:43 PM

SH

“ Sheryl, Debbie and Terry my deepest sympathies to all of you I will deeply miss Bethel and all are visits at the fence in the summer time she was a lovely neighbor and a great friend to all of us I pray that God will hold you all during this difficult time God Bless The Olson's Paul, Sharyl, Josh and Cody

sharyl - November 13, 2016 at 03:41 PM

MF

“ Marie Fraune lit a candle in memory of Bethel Melzer



Marie Fraune - November 13, 2016 at 08:19 AM

LS

“ Lea And Mike Snyder lit a candle in memory of Bethel Melzer



Lea and Mike Snyder - November 12, 2016 at 06:10 PM