



Evelyn Knudson

October 13, 1917 - March 16, 2015

The funeral service for Evelyn Knudson, age 97, of Wadena will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 19 at the Verndale Alliance Church in Verndale, with Pastors Aaron Andrews and Vaughn White presiding. Friends may call on Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena. Visitation will resume at the church on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Evelyn passed away on Monday, March 16, 2015 in Wadena.

Evelyn Knudson was born October 13, 1917, to Peder and Emma Fjeld in Hamden Township, Becker County, MN. She attended a nearby country school through the 8th grade, and graduated from Lake Park High School in 1935. She then attended St. Luke's School of Nursing in Fargo, ND, graduating in 1938, and became a registered nurse.

Following graduation, Evelyn was employed at Wesley Hospital in Wadena. While working there, she was invited by friends to a dance in Sebeka where she met Leonard Knudson, and they were later married on May 23, 1941, in Frazee. They subsequently purchased a dairy farm in Wing River Township north of Verndale, shortly after which she suspended her career to devote her time to their three daughters: Barb, Judy and Konnie. Once all the girls were attending school, Evelyn returned to work at Wesley Hospital (later renamed Tri-County Health Care), where she worked until the early 1980's.

Evelyn enjoyed life to the fullest. She was an avid reader, and very knowledgeable of both historical and current events. This also spurred her interest in travel with her siblings and daughters. In their retirement years, Evelyn and Leonard spent many hours on the lake fishing in both summer and winter. Evelyn enjoyed gardening and playing table games, which was a benefit of moving to the Fair Oaks apartments following the tornado of 2010. She also continued to participate in a Bible study, homemaker's group, Christian Women's, and monthly breakfasts with other retired hospital employees. Evelyn was the ultimate hostess, and made everyone feel welcome in her home.

Evelyn passed away on March 16, 2015, in Wadena. Preceding her in death were her husband, Leonard, on November 6, 1993; siblings, Mabel Fjeld, Alice Bergerson, and Stanton Fjeld; and two sons-in-law, Gerald Setterholm and Gary Adrian.

Evelyn is survived by her daughters, Barb Setterholm of Mounds View, Judy Adrian of Bellevue, WA, and Konnie (Dennis) Zimmerman of Bertha; her grandchildren, Janet and Dan Wilson of Washington; her step-grandchildren, Chad and Paul Zimmerman of Hewitt; her great-grandchildren; and her brother, Jerome (Frances) Fjeld of Fargo, ND, along with many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Verndale, MN.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

16277 120th Street
1st Ave./ Co Rd 104 (1 mile west of Verndale)
Verndale, MN 56481

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

MAR 19. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Verndale Alliance Church
109 Brown St. NW
Verndale, MN 56481

Service

MAR 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Alliance Church
109 Brown St. NW
Verndale, MN 56481

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Evelyn Knudson*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 18, 2015 at 10:39 AM

VK

“ *My condolences to the Knudson family. My mom, Mary Peterson, worked with Evelyn for many years at Wesley / Tri-County Hospital. Vickie Peterson Kious*

Vickie Kious - April 28, 2015 at 03:24 PM

RL

“ *Judy, Konnie, Barb and family, Our thoughts are with you all. We have wonderful memories of your Mom and Grandma B and she will be missed by all. Just remember all the good times and good memories and cherish the life she lived. Rick, Carole and Kelsey Lamoureux*

Rick and Carole Lamoureux - March 20, 2015 at 05:59 PM

LB

“ Barb, Judy, Konnie and Dennis,

I am praying for you all as you say goodbye to your Mom. She was such a sweet, special woman with an amazing sense of humor....I know our mom will be missing her too!

*Thoughts and prayers,
Leola*

Leola Beebe - March 19, 2015 at 01:53 PM

LC

“ Judy,

So sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. We are thinking of you, and sending good thoughts and prayers to your family.

Lisa Cox

Lisa Cox - March 19, 2015 at 11:05 AM

KB

“ Keith And Janice Bastian lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Knudson



Keith and Janice Bastian - March 19, 2015 at 07:10 AM

DA

“ My mother, Alice & Aunt Evelyn shared a "joyous sisterhood" that was extended to the nieces, nephews and cousins as a gift of delightful memories and laughter. I thank them both for their great sense of humor, positive thinking and teaching of the golden rule.
Best wishes, Darlene

Darlene - March 18, 2015 at 02:27 PM

TF

“ *The Bergerson Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Evelyn Knudson.*



The Bergerson Family - March 18, 2015 at 02:05 PM

HJ

“ *Harlyn and Janette Hanson*



Harlyn and Janette - March 18, 2015 at 09:48 AM

DH

“ *Darrell & Lisa Hoemberg lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Knudson*



Darrell & Lisa Hoemberg - March 18, 2015 at 07:39 AM

KF

“ *Barb, Judy, and Konnie, what a life to celebrate!! Your mom was a strong woman and her qualities live on in all of you. Even though she is in a much better place, it is always difficult when a mother dies. Take good care. Hugs to all of you.*
Kathy Foley

Kathy Foley - March 17, 2015 at 08:04 PM

SB

“ Sharon Boline lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Knudson



Sharon Boline - March 17, 2015 at 07:27 PM

SB

Evelyn attended an exercise class I led. I think she attended until she was 90--what a great lady! Sharon Boline

Sharon Boline - March 17, 2015 at 07:29 PM

MR

“ Barb - So sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom - what a beautiful strong woman! She was also fortunate to have you, Konnie and Judy by her side during the past two weeks giving her love and support. I hope your memories of her long life will bring you smiles and comfort. And know your friends will support you in anyway you need.

Mary Lou Ratz - March 17, 2015 at 07:18 PM

LS

“ Judy, I am so sorry you just lost your mother. I know how hard it is to lose someone you love so much. In just a few days it will be a year since I lost my own mom after a stroke in February. Very similar situation. I am glad you have been home with your sisters and mom for these final days. All those hours together as a family are priceless. Our family spent days/weeks together. Your mother came very close to a whole century! I look forward to seeing you on the golf course.

Lisa Stix - March 17, 2015 at 06:09 PM

GG

“ *Ginger & Roland Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Knudson*



Ginger & Roland Gilbert - March 17, 2015 at 03:31 PM

GG

Konnie & Dennis, so sorry for the loss of your Mom Konnie!

Ginger & Roland gilbert - March 17, 2015 at 03:33 PM

AP

“ *Evelyn will be dearly missed. She was a member of the Buzzin Duzzin Homemakers and active until a couple of months ago. She brought many smiles to the ladies and always brought a large tray of goodies to our Christmas parties (made by her lovely daughter). We will miss her intelligent input to the club. We will miss her smiling personality.*
By Arleen A. Paulson

Arleen A. Paulson - March 17, 2015 at 03:29 PM

NW

“ *Nikki Westra purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Evelyn Knudson.*



Nikki Westra - March 17, 2015 at 02:09 PM

BB

“ *Barry & Sandi Pratt & Naomi Brust lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Knudson*



Barry & Sandi Pratt & Naomi Brust - March 17, 2015 at 01:52 PM

GC

“ *I met Knutie about 17 years ago. I attended her 9th birthday party. She was delightful.*



Gladys chase - March 17, 2015 at 11:12 AM

LE

“ *Love the memories of your Mom and all our visits on the farm growing up. Her sense of humor was the best!*

Leann - March 17, 2015 at 10:22 AM

MJ

“ *Evelyn's family: My sympathy for you. I so enjoyed your mom, she was a very special woman. She is now in a better place. She will be missed. Marie Johnson*

Marie Johnson - March 17, 2015 at 12:24 AM

SM

“ Judy, I am so sorry for your loss, I have had you in my thoughts since you left home to be with your mom. So glad you got to spend time with her before she passed. This too shall pass with time, family and friends. Shelley McKee

Shelley McKee - March 16, 2015 at 09:13 PM

DO

“ Doug And Joan Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Knudson



Doug and Joan Ostlund - March 16, 2015 at 08:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Evelyn Knudson.



March 16, 2015 at 07:23 PM

JO

“ Thinking of you, Judy, Konnie and Barb with deepest sympathy. Wonderful you had some special times together with your Mom in the last days and now can have peace in your hearts with her passing. What a sweet dear lady she was! Thinking of you ~jo~

Joann - March 16, 2015 at 06:56 PM

LH

“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Knudson*



Leo Haisman - March 16, 2015 at 05:09 PM

BB

“ *Betty Barr lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Knudson*



Betty Barr - March 16, 2015 at 04:53 PM

RS

“ *Konnie and Dennis - so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. We hope your good memories carry you through the coming days. Sam and ReNaye Seaton*

ReNaye Seaton - March 16, 2015 at 03:20 PM

RA

“ *Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Knudson*



Rita Anderson - March 16, 2015 at 01:12 PM

NB

“ *Neal And Leona Bowman lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Knudson*



Neal and Leona Bowman - March 16, 2015 at 12:55 PM

MV

“ *Margaret & Peter VanErp lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Knudson*



Margaret & Peter VanErp - March 16, 2015 at 12:16 PM

WV

“ *Wayne And Marilyn Voge lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Knudson*



Wayne and Marilyn Voge - March 16, 2015 at 11:12 AM