



Laura Waln

September 23, 1921 - August 15, 2016

The funeral service for Laura Waln of Wadena, MN will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 19 at the St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena. Visitation will be held on Thursday at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. and at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service.

Laura Emily (Brasel) Waln, age 94, died peacefully in her sleep on August 15, 2016 after a battle with declining health.

Laura was born on Sept. 23, 1921 to John and Emma (Fresonke) Brasel. She grew up on a farm near Bluffton and was confirmed at St John Lutheran Church in Wadena. She attended Bluffton country school through the 8th grade then continued on at home helping on the farm. At 16 Laura moved to Wadena and worked at the Wadena Bakery and also as a maid.

August 30, 1945 Laura was united in marriage to Samuel J Waln. At one time Laura sold nylons door to door and did housekeeping for the sheriff. She worked at Red Owl and Larry's Family Foods for a total of 39 years. She had a wonderful work ethic. In her 60's Laura went back to "school" and was extremely proud to receive her GED. She was a member of St John Lutheran Church and the VFW Auxiliary in Wadena.

Laura enjoyed baking, canning, tending her flowers and yard work, her children and grandchildren, playing cards and trips to Canada with her husband. She avidly watched the MN Twins play baseball, which was the only time you could catch her sitting down!

Laura was an energetic and fun loving spit fire of a lady who from a young age kept up with her brothers and spent a lifetime keeping her children and grandchildren on their toes. She readily admitted to being a "stinker" as a child. This continued into her adulthood where she enjoyed a good joke and could make anyone laugh! She will always be remembered for her wild costumes for Crazy Days.

Laura was preceded in death by her husband, Sam; grandson, Chad Becker; parents and siblings, Louie, Martin, John, Alvin, Helen Brasel, Elsie Primasing, Hilda Sousa, Marie Breuer and Dora Christensen.

Laura is survived by her children Jim (Helen) Renton, WA, Ed (Joy) Wadena, Bonnie Becker (Mike) Eagle Bend and Sam (Kathy) Wadena, 8 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren; along with a host of other relatives and friends. She will be missed.

Honorary pallbearers will be Seth Waln, Tucker Waln, Hunter Waln, and Mason Brauch. Serving as pallbearers will be her great-grandsons, Sam, Jake, Zach, Eric, Tylor and Zack Waln.

Burial will be in the Wadena Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Wadena Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

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

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

Visitation

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

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

Service

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

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

Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Susan Heltemes lit a candle in memory of Laura Waln*



Susan Heltemes - August 25, 2016 at 02:30 PM

HA

“ *I knew Laura for many years. She used to come into The Uptown Cafe when she was working and also many times with Bonnie. She was always so upbeat, friendly and always had a good word to say about anyone we talked about. She was one of my idols and I am glad that I got to know her so well. We need more people in the world like her. It always amazed me how young looking she stayed for so many years. She will be missed by many people, God bless your family.*
Helen



Helen Allee - August 22, 2016 at 12:19 PM

JP

“ *Jackie Perius lit a candle in memory of Laura Waln*



Jackie Perius - August 22, 2016 at 11:09 AM



“ *Jim Young lit a candle in memory of Laura Waln*



Jim Young - August 20, 2016 at 08:16 AM



“ *Polly Anderson lit a candle in memory of Laura Waln*



Polly Anderson - August 20, 2016 at 01:03 AM



My heart and prayers go out to the family at this time of great loss.

Polly Anderson - August 20, 2016 at 01:04 AM



“ *To the entire Waln family, where can I start. All the great times we had for many years at Red Owl, Laura was like my second mother. A great person and friend. Thoughts and prayers to you all. Greg Anderson*



GP Anderson - August 18, 2016 at 10:04 PM

TB

“ Tom And Joan Brauch lit a candle in memory of Laura Wain



Tom and Joan Brauch - August 18, 2016 at 05:08 PM

LK

“ Lori And Ken Kneisl lit a candle in memory of Laura Wain



Lori and Ken Kneisl - August 18, 2016 at 03:22 PM

DA

“ Yes, Laura lived a full, rich life & made life richer for all around her. God bless your memories & keep her always close at heart.

di schiller anderson - August 18, 2016 at 01:43 PM

KW

“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Kathy Wain - August 17, 2016 at 09:25 PM

KM

“ Karen Munson lit a candle in memory of
Laura Waln



Karen Munson - August 17, 2016 at 07:43 PM

KM

“ Karen (Thomson) Munson lit a candle in
memory of Laura Waln



Karen (Thomson) Munson - August 17, 2016 at 07:41 PM

MW

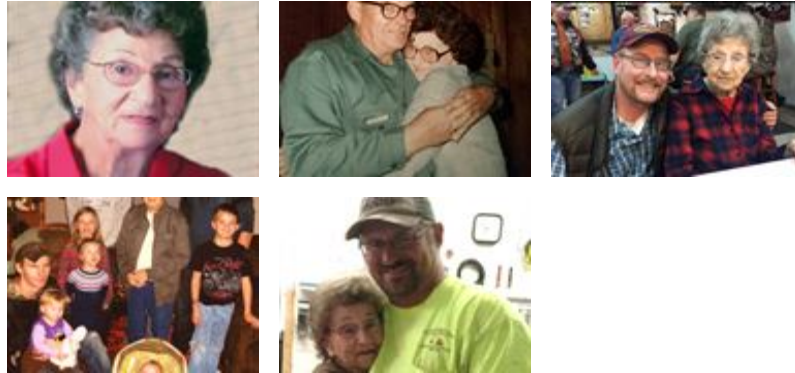
“ Myron & Karen Winkelman lit a candle in
memory of Laura Waln



Myron & Karen Winkelman - August 17, 2016 at 04:57 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - August 17, 2016 at 03:21 PM

RB

“ When Laura worked @ Don's "Friendly" Red Owl, she was a very big part of the "Friendly". I was @ the other store and always wished she was an employee @ Super Valu. We finally did work together @ Larry's and what a peach of a person always making the work day fun. Our sympathies to the family.
Ray and Dorothy Beyer



Ray and Dorothy Beyer - August 17, 2016 at 01:46 PM

DH

“ Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Laura Waln



Darrell & Peggy Haman - August 17, 2016 at 11:13 AM

M#

“ *Members Of Wadena Elks Lodge #2386 lit a candle in memory of Laura Waln*



Members of Wadena Elks Lodge #2386 - August 17, 2016 at 09:09 AM

MF

“ *Marie Fraune lit a candle in memory of Laura Waln*



Marie Fraune - August 17, 2016 at 07:51 AM

ME

“ *Margaret & Peter Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Laura Waln*



Margaret & Peter Van Erp - August 16, 2016 at 09:04 PM

GD

“ *George&Julie Deiss lit a candle in memory of Laura Waln*



George&Julie Deiss - August 16, 2016 at 08:00 PM

CH

“ *Carol Heltemes lit a candle in memory of Laura Waln*



Carol Heltemes - August 16, 2016 at 04:24 PM

DK

“ *Dan Kern lit a candle in memory of Laura Waln*



Dan Kern - August 16, 2016 at 02:04 PM

JP

“ *Jerry And Kathy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Laura Waln*



Jerry and Kathy Peterson - August 16, 2016 at 01:40 PM

SG

“ *Scott & Linda Gustafson lit a candle in memory of Laura Waln*



Scott & Linda Gustafson - August 16, 2016 at 01:29 PM

DS

“ Dan And Deb Sweere lit a candle in memory of Laura Waln



Dan and Deb Sweere - August 16, 2016 at 01:17 PM

MS

“ Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Laura Waln



Mike and Lea Snyder - August 16, 2016 at 01:01 PM

JB

“ Jack And Lucille Belch lit a candle in memory of Laura Waln



Jack and Lucille Belch - August 16, 2016 at 12:31 PM

BW

“ Bob & Phyllis Wilkening lit a candle in memory of Laura Waln



Bob & Phyllis Wilkening - August 16, 2016 at 12:00 PM

ST

“ Sue Theisen lit a candle in memory of Laura Waln



Sue Theisen - August 16, 2016 at 11:59 AM

JS

“ Jim ^ Tracey Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Laura Waln



Jim ^ Tracey Stoneman - August 16, 2016 at 11:43 AM

AB

“ Amber Block lit a candle in memory of Laura Waln



Amber Block - August 16, 2016 at 11:33 AM