



Leona Lorentz

August 29, 1934 - April 15, 2023

The Memorial Mass for Leona Lorentz will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, from 1:30 p.m. until the time of the Mass.

Leona Clara Vandenberghe Lorentz -devoted wife, mother, and grandmother- died peacefully on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at Perham Living, Perham, MN, where she had resided since August 2021.

Leona was born to Austin and Mary (Jacques) Vandenberghe on August 29, 1934, in Butler Township, Otter Tail County, MN. She grew up on the family farm in Hillview, and graduated from Sebeka High School.

Leona married Francis (Frank) Joseph Lorentz on May 4, 1954, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Butler. They operated a dairy farm and raised seven children four miles south of Wadena until 1997, when they moved to Bluffton.

Before marrying Frank, Leona worked as a receptionist at Rex McDonald Studio in Wadena. After all of her children were of school age, Leona applied her cooking and baking skills as a school cook in Wadena Public Schools for 20 years. Leona enjoyed sewing, quilting, reading, movies, gardening, canning, and baking. Her creativity was evident in the quilts she made for

children and grandchildren. Leona and Frank attended all of their children's athletic events and band concerts, and they enjoyed socializing with friends and family, playing cards, listening to music, and dancing. Both were very involved with St. Ann's Catholic Church of Wadena where Leona participated in Christian Mothers and Church Circle groups. Later, they attended St. John's Catholic church of Bluffton where Leona continued to contribute her time and talents.

Leona will be dearly missed by all who knew her love. She is survived by her children: Marsha (David) Karam of Nevis; Linda (Duane) Dockter of Grand Rapids; Gregory (Beverly) of Alexandria; Anthony (Rachel) of Dent; Kurt (Michelle) of Sauk Rapids; Lisa (Timothy) Klaphake of Nashwauk; and Brian (Cindy) of Medina; 19 grandchildren: Andrew, Jacob (Allison), Gabriela (Fred), Nicole (Cameron), Steven, Terry (Beth), Todd (Brenda), Jamie (Kyle), Luke (Amber), Hannah, Joe, Shelby (Andrew), Austin, Matt, Ryan, Brooke (Ian), Ellen, Nora, and Lillian; 19 great grandchildren: Zoey, Adisyn, Jonah, Peyton, Quinn, Maeve, Kate, Megan, Isla, Aaron, Blake, Brittney, Royce, Ellie, Lana, Hailey, Noah, Cashton, and Cameron; brothers Robert of Perham and Allan (Sheryl) of Brainerd; sisters Joyce Doll of Perham and Donna (John) Kunza of Andover; sisters-in-law Louise Vandenberghe of Wadena and Janet Wright of Bluffton; brothers-in-law Jerry Teig of Ottertail, Ronald Wright of Bluffton, and Robert Kresky of Superior; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Leona in death were Frank, her loving husband of 66 years; Mary, their stillborn daughter; her parents; brother Lawrence; sisters Loraine Honer and Dorothy Teig; brothers-in-law Ray Honer and Ambrose Doll; and sister-in-law Janet Vandenberghe.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

APR 19. 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ I am so grateful for your dear mother, Leona. I have so many fond memories of her - and of course each of you - through the years growing up south of Wadena. May you all be blessed with peace as she rests peacefully. With my loving thoughts always.

Julie Wegscheid - April 23, 2023 at 09:36 PM



“ Julie Wegscheid lit a candle in memory of Leona Lorentz



Julie Wegscheid - April 23, 2023 at 09:32 PM



“ Kim Carlson lit a candle in memory of Leona Lorentz



Kim Carlson - April 20, 2023 at 11:46 AM



“ Lynda Wosmek lit a candle in memory of Leona Lorentz



Lynda Wosmek - April 20, 2023 at 12:28 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leona Lorentz.*



April 18, 2023 at 06:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leona Lorentz.*



April 18, 2023 at 05:09 PM



“ *Pat Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Leona Lorentz*



Pat Lorentz - April 18, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ *Jay Hutson lit a candle in memory of Leona Lorentz*



Jay Hutson - April 18, 2023 at 09:32 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leona Lorentz.*



April 17, 2023 at 09:55 PM



“ *Leona, Thank you for being such a kind next-door neighbor to my parents, Alphonse and Sylvia Roggenkamp in Bluffton. They always looked forward to visiting with you and Frank. And when you brought baked goodies, that was even better! Rest in peace, Leona.*



Joyce Boyne - April 17, 2023 at 08:21 PM



“ *Sending prayers and hugs to all at this time of loss of your Mother, grand-mother and great-grandmother. Great memories that we shared when I was growing up. Debbi Derby Williamson*

Debbi Williamson - April 17, 2023 at 07:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leona Lorentz.*



April 17, 2023 at 07:08 PM

GD

“ We are so sorry for your loss of your mother.
We are keeping your family in our prayers. 🙏



Gene & Mary Denny - April 17, 2023 at 03:47 PM

RJ

“ Leona was a great cook. One of my favorite cookie recipes came from Leona. My sympathy to the family.

Rose Kern Johnson - April 17, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leona Lorentz.



April 17, 2023 at 02:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leona Lorentz.



April 17, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leona Lorentz.*



April 17, 2023 at 12:34 PM



“ *Marie Fraune sent a virtual gift in memory of Leona Lorentz*



Marie Fraune - April 17, 2023 at 10:12 AM



“ *So many great memories and stories from our families growing up together. Mostly I remember lots of laughter!*



Bill Lorentz - April 17, 2023 at 08:08 AM



“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Leona Lorentz*



Leo Haisman - April 16, 2023 at 08:39 PM

EF

“ *Esther Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Leona Lorentz*



Esther and Alan Freitag - April 16, 2023 at 08:29 PM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Leona Lorentz*



Marladene Heinen - April 16, 2023 at 06:47 PM



“ *Kelly Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Leona Lorentz*



Kelly Lorentz - April 16, 2023 at 06:26 PM

JJ

“ *Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Leona Lorentz*



Jon Johnson - April 16, 2023 at 05:15 PM

DH

“ *Darrell and Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Leona Lorentz*



Darrell & Peggy Haman - April 16, 2023 at 04:42 PM