



Leone "Belle" Erickson

May 11, 1927 - March 15, 2021

The public funeral service for Leone "Belle" Erickson of Perham and formerly of Sebeka, will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 2, at the Bethany Free Lutheran Church in Blue Grass, with Dan Crocker presiding.

A visitation for family and friends will be held at the church on Friday from 11:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Leone, age 93, passed away on March 15, 2021, at the Perham Living Care Center, Perham, MN.

Leone was born to Hans and Addie (Walker) Crocker on May 11, 1927, at their home in rural Staples, MN. Her vivid blue eyes endeared her father to call her "Bluebelle", which after his death became "Belle", and is how everyone knew her.

Belle attended District 7 grade school, finished eighth grade at District 9 before graduating from Verndale High School. She was the only one in her family to receive a diploma. On September 22, 1944, Leone was united in marriage with Eugene Henry Erickson. She helped with the farming and was a busy homemaker and mother. She became a CNA and worked at Shady Lane Nursing Home in Wadena, until she was needed at home due to her daughter's cancer. As a self-taught musician, Belle played piano and organ for

50 years at Bethany Free Lutheran Church. She facilitated activities with 4-H and contributed to Vacation Bible School for decades. Belle's greatest joy was raising her children and her heart held great pride in all of her grandchildren.

Preceding Leone in death were her husband of 52 years, Eugene (1996); parents Hans and Addie Crocker; daughter Janet Reemts; brothers Ken, Kermit and Wes Crocker; sisters Nelle Miller and Eileen Rentz; and sons-in-law Frank Ousley and Gene Reemts.

Memories of Leone will be treasured by her children, Connie Ousley of Wadena and FL, Russell (Virginia) Erickson of Sebeka, Renee (Scott) Deitz of Alexandria, and Curtis (Mary) Erickson of Perham; 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Alan Ousley, Randy Reemts, Jonathan Reemts, Matthew Deitz, Micah Deitz, Brady Erickson, Austin Erickson and Peter Erickson.

Burial will be in Wadena Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Wadena Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bethany Free Lutheran Church (Bluegrass)
21987 County Road 23
Sebeka, MN 56477

Service

APR 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

Bethany Free Lutheran Church (Bluegrass)
21987 County Road 23
Sebeka, MN 56477

Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 29, 2021 at 04:50 PM

KO

“ Our sincere sympathy at the loss of Belle. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all!

Ken & Joanne Ostlund - April 02, 2021 at 02:02 PM

RF

“ Erickson family,
My sincere sympathies on the loss of your mother. What a wonderful woman she was!
I can't tell you how many talks we had. I always left with a smile on my face and a kiss on the cheek. God's love be with you all during this difficult time.

Rose Fritz - April 02, 2021 at 07:44 AM



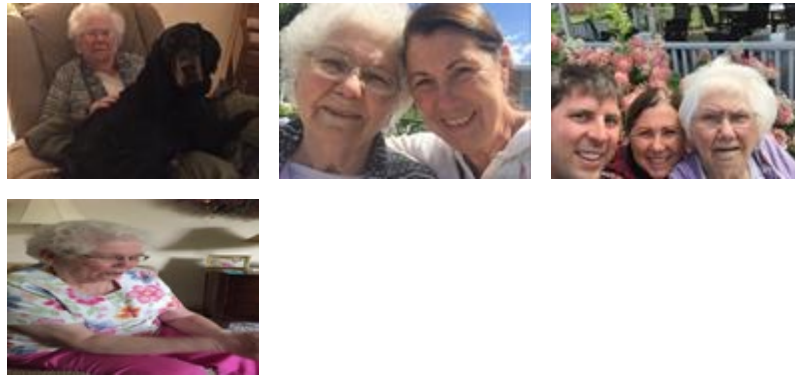
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leone "Belle" Erickson.



April 01, 2021 at 12:17 PM



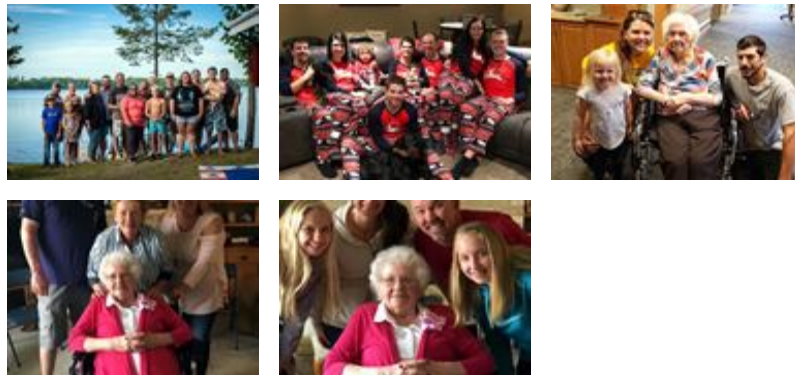
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Renee Deitz - April 01, 2021 at 10:15 AM



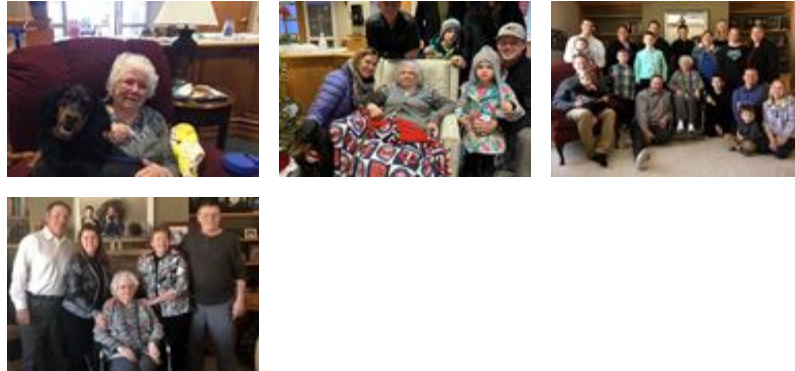
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Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 31, 2021 at 05:21 PM



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Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 30, 2021 at 05:44 PM

SD

“ OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL AT THIS SAD TIME..WE REMEMER BELLE AS A SWEET LADY WITH AN AFFECTIOUS SMILE WHEN WE SAW HER IN CHURCH. CHERISH THE MEMORIES! GOD BLESS, SCOTT AND ANN DAU

scott dau - March 30, 2021 at 01:00 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Leone "Belle" Erickson.*



March 30, 2021 at 12:24 PM



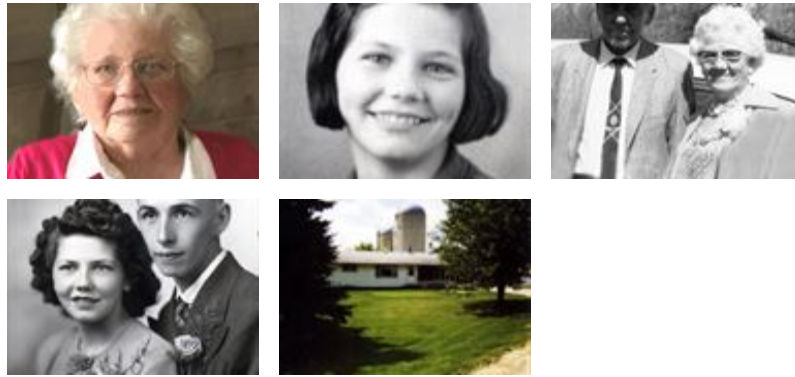
“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leone "Belle" Erickson.



March 29, 2021 at 06:32 PM



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Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 29, 2021 at 04:45 PM



“ Mary Erickson sisters, brother and mom Joyce Doll purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Leone "Belle" Erickson.



Mary Erickson sisters, brother and mom Joyce Doll - March 29, 2021 at 11:17 AM

MP

“ *Morris & Karen Priebe lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson*



Morris & Karen Priebe - March 26, 2021 at 06:51 PM

EG

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss Belle was such an inspiration to all. We will always remember going to church in Blue Grass and hearing her playing the piano or organ. Love and prayers to all. Eddie and Judy Greenwaldt*



Eddie and Judy Greenwaldt - March 26, 2021 at 05:47 PM

JD

“ *So sorry to hear Belle passed away...She was such a ray of sunshine whenever I saw her. Prayers for the family. God Bless, Jerry & Janice Denny*



Janice Denny - March 25, 2021 at 06:14 PM

MK

“ *Mark and Shelly (Mellesmoen) Kroska send our deepest sympathy. So many beautiful memories of great aunt Belle, she is a rare gem and will be deeply missed.*



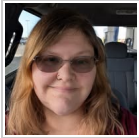
Michele (Shelly) Kroska - March 25, 2021 at 03:49 PM

AA

“ Arlys Andrews lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson



Arlys Andrews - March 25, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ Amy Ogg lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson



Amy Ogg - March 23, 2021 at 09:45 PM

EF

“ Esther And Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson



Esther and Alan Freitag - March 23, 2021 at 01:05 PM

DW

“ *The Roy and Eunice Schwartz family have been friends with the Erickson family for 60 years or more. Belle has always been such a warm happy and loving person. Her smile and laugh lit up the room. She will be missed by all who knew her. She was such a special friend to our dad when he really needed someone to share his time with. We will never forget her, God has gained a special Angel...Our sincere condolences to Connie, Renee, Russ and Curt Tom and Denise Schwartz Webster*

Denise Webster - March 20, 2021 at 11:28 PM

KK

“ *Belle was such a joy to have in our presence in the last few years of our Dad's life! Her smile and positive outlook on life, gave much hope for whatever tomorrow would bring! Thank you for sharing your Mom with us! Love Kathy (Schwartz) Kortas*

KATHY KORTAS - March 20, 2021 at 09:20 PM

BP

“ *It was always nice to see Belle in the back pew at church. She was such a Christian lady and so loved her family. Peace & Love, Barry & Sandi*

Barry & Sandi Pratt - March 20, 2021 at 10:20 AM

BP

“ *Barry & Sandi Pratt lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson*



Barry & Sandi Pratt - March 20, 2021 at 10:19 AM

NW

“ I loved her "laughter" and nice smile. She was one good lady and I am so glad I got to meet her. She always cared about other people and when talking to them she would ask how family was doing-how's yourself.... One hard working lady. She loved her family so very much. We lost a good lady the day Belle died.

nancy walz - March 19, 2021 at 07:38 PM

TC

“ Dearest Erickson family,
We just heard about Belle and we are so very sorry. We really loved her and will always have great memories. Take care and know we are thinking of you guys.
With much love, Tombo and Patti

Tom and Patti Carey - March 19, 2021 at 03:30 PM

ME

“ Margaret & Peter Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson



Margaret & Peter Van Erp - March 19, 2021 at 12:27 PM

LF

“ Lana And Larry Fralich lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson



Lana and Larry Fralich - March 18, 2021 at 10:30 PM

LC

“ We will miss Belle's smile as well as her warm and welcoming personality; she made everyone she met feel special. Our sincere condolences to her family.

Larry & Ruth Clark - March 18, 2021 at 03:41 PM

LC

“ Larry & Ruth Clark lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson



Larry & Ruth Clark - March 18, 2021 at 03:38 PM

JD

“ Belle was such a sweet kind beautiful lady. 🙏
🙏 for her family. Jerry & Janice Denny



Janice Denny - March 18, 2021 at 10:59 AM

RW

“ Robert And Karen Wallgren lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson



Robert and Karen Wallgren - March 17, 2021 at 09:35 PM

GW

“ Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson



Glen Donna Wood - March 17, 2021 at 07:36 PM

SM

“ Aunt Belle was a treasure! As a child, I would wait after church services to get a "Belle hug". I continued to seek those hugs out every stage of my life. She had a wonderful way of making me feel special. Much love to the family ❤️!

Sandy McVay - March 17, 2021 at 03:48 PM

DD

“ Belle was a gem! Her kind heart, radiant smile, and good humor will be missed by anyone who knew her. Thinking of u all!!

Deb Dague - March 17, 2021 at 12:38 PM

DR

“ Dilly Rentz lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson



Dilly Rentz - March 17, 2021 at 11:09 AM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson*



Marladene Heinen - March 17, 2021 at 11:05 AM

JN

“ *Joyce Nix lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson*



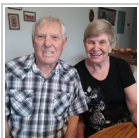
Joyce Nix - March 17, 2021 at 09:38 AM

BH

“ *Bob & Donna Haman lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson*



Bob & Donna Haman - March 16, 2021 at 09:45 PM



“ *Gladys Chase lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson*



Gladys Chase - March 16, 2021 at 09:01 PM

RS

“ *Rosalie Schmith lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson*



Rosalie Schmith - March 16, 2021 at 08:02 PM

RI

“ *Aunt Belle, you were so special to me. Your faith was so strong. You are home now. God bless you!*

Rita - March 16, 2021 at 07:23 PM

SB

“ *My Mother, Dorothy Berry enjoyed spending fun times with Belle! She was such a happy and caring person! May God comfort all her family. Enjoy the wonderful memories!*



Shirley Van Batavia - March 16, 2021 at 06:28 PM

VM

“ *Sending hugs and prayers to Connie, Russ, Renee, and Curt and families! She was so special. We had so many special times together. Love you all, Dennis and Vernie*

vernies Mellesmoen - March 16, 2021 at 01:21 PM

RI

Aunt Belle, was a wonderful and inspiring Christian. Her faith never wavered. Always welcomed us and had wonderful roast dinners. I will miss you! But, your home now.

Rita - March 16, 2021 at 07:17 PM

DM

“ Dale & Liz Miller lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson



Dale & Liz Miller - March 16, 2021 at 11:26 AM

RN

“ Ron And Nancy lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson



Ron and Nancy - March 16, 2021 at 11:09 AM

RA

“ Roger JoAnn Anderson lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson



Roger JoAnn Anderson - March 16, 2021 at 10:09 AM

GE

“ Greg And Mary Erickson lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson



Greg and Mary Erickson - March 16, 2021 at 08:25 AM

JJ

“ *A very tender and loving heart. A welcoming smile with a kind word. A very special person.* ”



Jon Johnson - March 16, 2021 at 07:40 AM

AA

“ *Arlys Andrews lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson* ”



Arlys Andrews - March 16, 2021 at 07:30 AM

JB

“ *Jack & Lucille Belch lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson* ”



Jack & Lucille Belch - March 16, 2021 at 12:33 AM

GD

“ *George&Julie Deiss lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson* ”



George&Julie Deiss - March 15, 2021 at 10:27 PM

BS

“ Bruce And Trish Steinkopf lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson



Bruce and Trish Steinkopf - March 15, 2021 at 10:09 PM

SS

“ Rest In Peace Aunt Belle. Steve and Sandie Rentz

Sandie and Steve - March 15, 2021 at 09:20 PM

BW

“ Bill And Sue White lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson



Bill and Sue White - March 15, 2021 at 09:05 PM

MW

“ Myron And Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Leone "Belle" Erickson



Myron and Karen Winkelman - March 15, 2021 at 07:14 PM

BB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to all of Belle's family!! She was a gem!! Hugs!!*



Bruce and Barb Brown - March 15, 2021 at 05:22 PM