



## Marilyn Brink

March 23, 1927 - January 28, 2018

The funeral service for Marilyn Brink of Wadena, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 2, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena, with Pastors Nate Loer and Megan Clapp officiating. Visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

With family by her side, Marilyn, age 90, passed away on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at her daughter's home in Lindstrom, MN.

Marilyn Louise Brink was born on March 23, 1927 on Lake Netta in Anoka County, MN. She was the fourth daughter of five girls born to Clarence and Helen (Nordquist) Benson. She had fond memories of growing up with her cousins, attending country school and helping her family in their general store at Lake Netta. She graduated from Anoka High School in 1944. Marilyn gave the graduation speech when she graduated from Minnesota School of Business. Her degree as an executive secretary led to a job, fall 1945, at Lutheran Brotherhood, which she loved! In the spring of 1950 she went on a trip to the Holy Lands for 5 weeks. She met Raymond Brink on a blind date that led to their wedding on October 13, 1951, at Faith Lutheran Church in Forest Lake, MN.

Marilyn and Ray moved to Wadena in 1954 to start Brink's Jewelry. They owned and operated Brink's Jewelry until 1990. Marilyn enjoyed golfing,

playing bridge, crossword puzzles, card games and coffee. She loved to cook and bake. Her specialties were her thinly rolled sugar cookies and meatballs. She and Ray also enjoyed making lefse together. Marilyn was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church where she participated in quilting, Altar Circle, Rotary serving group, Smorgasbords, Soup Tuesdays, Bible studies and volunteering activities.

Marilyn is preceded in death by her sister Lorraine; her son, Daniel; and her husband Raymond.

She is survived by her daughters: Bonnie (Gary) Anderson and Julie (Ross) Bertelsen; grandchildren: Brooks (Bridget), Britta (Bo), Maria (Nat), Joel, Mara, Jack; great grandchildren: Elsa, Clara, Walter. Also surviving are sisters: Bernetta Huber, LaVonne Sauter, and Beverly (Wayne) Thompson; and special cousins Juliet and Quinton (Marjorie).

Memorials may be directed to Immanuel Lutheran Church or an area hospice organization.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Wadena Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Wadena  
403 2nd St. SE  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Service

FEB 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Wadena  
403 2nd St. SE  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Brink



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - February 01, 2018 at 03:44 PM

MC

“ Many wonderful memories with the Brink family. Bill and Maren Larson Crabb



Maren Crabb - February 03, 2018 at 11:49 AM

MC

“ Many wonderful memories spent at the Brinks. So sorry we could not attend the funeral due to illness. Bill and Maren Crabb

Maren Crabb - February 03, 2018 at 10:56 AM

DO

“ Doug And Joan Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Brink



Doug and Joan Ostlund - February 02, 2018 at 10:23 PM



“ Dear Bonnie and Julie: Shocked to hear of your mom's passing as we just last month got this nice Christmas card from her. Our families shared a lot of good memories (living so close to each other) which will never be forgotten. We shared Danny's passing, high school graduations, golf, church activities. She was a wonderful friend and a loving, Christian mother. I was proud to call her my friend. Even though we moved away, we kept in touch. She will be missed. Blessings to you girls and your families. love, Violet and Don Anderson

Violet & Don Anderson of Dons RED OWL, - February 01, 2018 at 06:10 PM



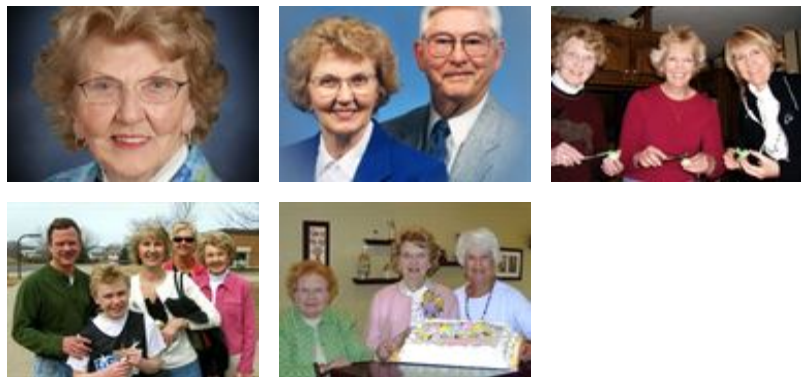
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marilyn Brink.



February 01, 2018 at 02:46 PM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - February 01, 2018 at 02:25 PM

LB

“ *Lorie Baron lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Brink*



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**Lorie Baron** - February 01, 2018 at 01:12 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marilyn Brink.*



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February 01, 2018 at 09:23 AM

DM

“ *Dale & Liz Miller lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Brink*



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**Dale & Liz Miller** - January 31, 2018 at 09:22 PM

MM

“ *Marge Mohs-Harrison lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Brink*



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**Marge Mohs-Harrison** - January 31, 2018 at 07:40 PM



“ Glad we were able to meet her at Bo & Britta’s wedding. Rest in peace. Larry & Archie Farin

Larry. Farin - January 31, 2018 at 05:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marilyn Brink.



January 31, 2018 at 05:06 PM



“ Jane Erckenbrack lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Brink



Jane Erckenbrack - January 31, 2018 at 03:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marilyn Brink.



January 31, 2018 at 03:10 PM



“ Julie. . . when we last got together, we talked about your mom and her health. I remember discussing how fortunate you were to have her as long as you have and yet how much you will miss her when she is gone. She is at peace, no more suffering and you will meet again some day on the other side of that river. Holding you and your family up in prayer. . . such sweet memories to cherish of a very much loved woman. God Bless her and all of you, Deanna Jorgenson

Deanna Jorgenson - January 31, 2018 at 01:52 PM



“ Our Earth lost a lovely, kind human being with Marilyn’s death, and our condolences go out to her family. Marilyn inspired us to be our best selves. May we live by her example to make this world a kinder place. 💕  
Di & Jerry A.

Di Schiller Anderson - January 30, 2018 at 10:12 PM



“ Ruby Lynk lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Brink



Ruby Lynk - January 30, 2018 at 09:48 PM

PL

“Marilyn was such a caring neighbor that we loved dearly. When we moved across the street from Marilyn and Ray in 1994 we gained not only wonderful neighbors but also an extra set of grandparents for our children. Marilyn didn't hesitate to watch a sleeping child while I went to pick up someone at school or call across the street to say hi and offer a treat. I remember every year my kids would bring a flower to our neighbors on May Day. Marilyn would always be waiting, with a big smile on her face, to chase the kids. Even when Marilyn was in her eighties she would come out and chase the kids and she even caught my youngest son once. Pretty good for someone that age. 😊 Bonnie, Julie and family I am so sorry for your loss. She was truly an amazing person who will be greatly missed!



Peggy Larson

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Peggy Larson - January 30, 2018 at 09:17 PM

MT

Such a beautiful spirit. She was well loved by all. Our sympathies, Dave and Monica Tosteson

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Monica Tosteson - January 31, 2018 at 12:45 PM

TL

“Tim & Sue Lippert purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Marilyn Brink.



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Tim & Sue Lippert - January 30, 2018 at 08:26 PM

MN

“ I have to DITTO Robin’s message!  
Marilyn always had a cheerful smile and time  
to visit! I cherish the memories of Countless  
times when Marilyn and I were chatting long  
after church and Ray and Luther were  
waiting…… sort of patiently! 😊



marilyn nervig - January 30, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased  
for the family of Marilyn Brink.



January 30, 2018 at 10:39 AM

JS

“ Jim & Tracey Stoneman lit a candle in  
memory of Marilyn Brink



Jim & Tracey Stoneman - January 30, 2018 at 08:54 AM

DG

“ Dee Goerge lit a candle in memory of Marilyn  
Brink



Dee Goerge - January 30, 2018 at 07:25 AM

MW

“ *Myron And Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Brink*



Myron and Karen Winkelman - January 30, 2018 at 07:13 AM

RJ

“ *My condolences to Julie and the Brink family. Marilyn was a beacon of light that filled our community with joy. She always greeted you with a smile and made you feel special.*



Robin Jensen - January 30, 2018 at 07:11 AM

JB

*Thank you Tobin!! So sweet!*

Julie Bertelsen - January 31, 2018 at 12:33 PM

BG

“ *Bob & Donna Grendahl lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Brink*



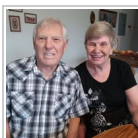
Bob & Donna Grendahl - January 30, 2018 at 02:24 AM

MS

“ Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Brink



Mike and Lea Snyder - January 29, 2018 at 10:23 PM



“ Marilyn was a great friend to Gladys and Charlie felt Ray was one of his greatest friends. Marilyn and I were on a lunch committee together for years. I will miss her. Gladys and Charlie Chase



Gladys Chase - January 29, 2018 at 09:15 PM

GP

“ Gail Pierson lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Brink



Gail Pierson - January 29, 2018 at 08:25 PM

RK

“ Marilyn was a wonderful, caring person, as was her husband, Ray! It was fun having her for a neighbor and the card games still make us smile! We are in Texas and sure will miss making a last visit in her honor. You daughters were truly blessed to have Marilyn as your mother! Sincerely, Rich & Mavis Kendall



Rich & Mavis Kendall - January 29, 2018 at 06:39 PM

JB

*Yes we were!!*

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**Julie Bertelsen** - January 31, 2018 at 12:34 PM

  
Jessica  
Keddy

“ *Jessica Keddy lit a candle in memory of  
Marilyn Brink*



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**Jessica Keddy** - January 29, 2018 at 05:09 PM