



Pearl Gunn

October 30, 1920 - July 4, 2009

Pearl Lillian Gunn was born on October 30, 1920 to Mathias and Clara (Nicholson) Kallerman at their home in Bluffton Township, MN. She passed away on July 4, 2009, at age 88, at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena. Pearl was united in marriage with Loren H. Gunn on October 22, 1943 in her parents' home. She worked for Douglas Aircraft during WW II. As a homemaker she enjoyed cooking & baking, and sharing hospitality in her home. Her hands were busy with knitting, crocheting, and all handwork. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family. Pearl was preceded in death by her parents, Mathias and Clara; and sister Elsie Kallerman. She is survived by her loving husband, Loren of Wadena; sons, Donald (Sue) Gunn of rural Wadena, and Jerome (Wendy) Gunn of St. Michael; daughters, LaVon (Neil) Lown of rural Sebeka, Bonita (Arnold) Nordaas, of Takanosu, Japan, Karen (Daniel) Giesbrecht of Winnipeg, MB, Canada, and Mardell (Mark) Kistler, of Haines, AK; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; brother Edward (Lorraine) Kallerman of Redwood City, CA; and sister, Irene (Chester) Erickson of Robbinsdale. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 9, 2009 in the Wadena Evangelical Church with Pastor Chuck Lamison officiating. Interment will be in the Pioneer Cemetery in Bluffton Township. Pallbearers will be Nathan Gunn, Calvin Gunn, Dane Gunn, Corey Giesbrecht, Travis Unger, Eric Levay, Aaron Spicer, and Sam Divinagracia. All memorials will be given to Camp Jim.

Tribute Wall

LA

“ My love and sympathy goes out to the entire family. The Gunn family was my second family. Pearl and Loren were my ride to and from every church activity in my young years. I loved them and their children very much. Pearl knew no limits to caring and helping. Her table was always ready for more people. She gave of herself and her substance relentlessly. She was definitely a Proverbs 31 woman. Her love for God and for others and for me in particular will never be forgotten. I haven't been able to see them often in later years, but when I did I was always greeted with Pearl's wonderful smile and laugh and a hug. It was always fun to talk with her about those good old Green Valley SS days and to learn about her current family events. Pearl's influence in my life was a consistent, hardworking, Godly example that I will always cherish.

Linda Anderson - July 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Our sympathy and love to the Gunn Family. I have known Pearl all of my life and look forward to seeing her in heaven. I am sure she has already started a garden in heaven! We will miss her. God Bless.

Scott, Jennifer, Abby & Lucas Johnston - July 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ July 4th! A grand day for a moving into her final home of truest citizenship! Laughter is not in the "spiritual gifts" list directly - but hospitality is. I am quite sure that never was there a more grateful college student recipient I, of her joyful hospitality! God knew I needed Mrs. Gunn's (and her family's!) open heart, home of laughter, fresh cookies and zing for life as a college student - especially after losing my own mom. I love you all dearly, wishing I could join you as you gather to mourn together and rejoice in the goodness of our great God who put it in her heart to believe on Him!

Maggie Guill - July 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Pearl was a great Christian example of a dedicated woman to God, her family and her church. We have learned a lot from her having known her and Loren for many years and their children. She was also a great cook and we will miss her apple pies and homemade chicken noodles!

Lee and Linda Edwards - July 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ We will miss Pearl so much. She was a great sister, sister-in-law and a special friend too. She had such a loving spirit, so giving, she couldn't do enough for you. Each time we visited Loren and Pearl she wanted to share something she had canned, baked or from the garden. We know she is free from pain now and with Jesus.

Ed & Lorraine Kallerman - July 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Dear Uncle Loren, Cousins and Gunns,

What a lady. It seems there was nothing she could not do, and do well. I remember her doing lunch in a hayfield which was as good as the tables she heaped with food like only she could do. Nobody could pick peas or berries like Auntie Pearl and truly she was an example of hard work, patience, kindness and love. I remember her scolding kids (as good as they were) and it seemed like at the same time she would kinda laugh, I could never figure out how she did that. She served her Lord well and we are all better off for her having done so with such grace, dignity, humbleness and joy.

She touched many lives, including mine.

God peace be with you Auntie Pearl.

Dan - July 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ We will all miss Auntie Pearl. I have wonderful childhood memories of being in her home, sharing bountiful meals and enjoying her garden. I think it was Jerry though who stole the watermelon, certainly not Karen and !! My prayers are with you all. Love Ronda

Ronda Stumbo - July 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Auntie Pearl, just like your name, you were a rare gift from God. I never saw you that you did not have a smile on your face and a kind word to say. I will always remember big gardens, beautiful flowers, afghans when I think of you! I remember you telling me "Wanda, I love to see you because you remind me of Mardel and make me feel a little closer to her"...Happy to do so my dear Auntie Pearl!

Wanda Horner - July 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ We are so sorry for the loss you are feeling right now. We never knew Pearl personally but do know Don and Sue and I graduated with Bonita so I know she helped raise and nurture a wonderful family. Families are one of God's greatest gifts to us and we know He will give each of you the comfort and strength you need to get through the days and weeks ahead. I can see by the other notes that you have an amazing amount of blessed memories. You are in our thoughts and hearts.

Duane and Donna (Heern) Trana

Donna Trana - July 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I want to extend my sympathies to the Gunn family and all my friends from Blowers Chapel.

Pearl Gunn was truly a wonderful and beautiful woman of God. I will always remember the effect that her husband Loren and her had on my family and my life.

Because of Pearl and the wonderful Gunn family, my family started going to Blowers Chapel and gave their life to the Lord.

I gave my life to the Lord at Camp Jim when I was 8 years old, and Pearl and Loren were instrumental in seeing that Camp opened as well as faithfully supporting it over the years.

Currently, I am serving as a Pastor in Grafton, ND and I have no doubt that were it not for Pearl and the rest of her wonderful family, I would not be here.

I look forward to seeing her again someday in heaven and seeing the great number of people that are there because of her godly life.

Rick Sunstrom - July 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM