



Erma Werner

August 28, 1920 - January 11, 2015

Erma L. Werner, age 94, of Spirit Lake, formerly of Sioux Valley, Minnesota, passed away on Sunday, January 11, 2015, at Sanford Hospital in Jackson, Minnesota. She was born on August 28, 1920, in Lakefield, Minnesota, to Arthur and Minnie (Krahn) Oelke.

Erma was united in marriage to Harry Werner at Saint Peter's Lutheran Delafield Church on February 14, 1943, in Lakefield, Minnesota. Erma had been baptized and confirmed in the same church. After husband Harry's army discharge they farmed in the Lakefield area followed by a move to Sioux Valley in 1951 where they continued to farm until 1973. Upon retirement they moved to a lake house on East Okoboji in Spirit Lake. Along the way Erma also worked at Berkeley's in Spirit Lake for 10 years.

Erma was a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, Hospital Auxiliary, the Volunteer Action Center and the Garden Club. She enjoyed spending her spare time gardening, camping, fishing, traveling, painting ceramics, crocheting, embroidering, cooking, and refinishing furniture. Her true passion in life was her family!

Erma is survived by her three children, Ron Werner, and his wife, Kay of Arroyo Grande, California, Cheryl Mier, and her husband, Walt of Spirit Lake, and Judy Salzwedel, and her husband, Mark of Spirit Lake; sister Verna Gentry, and her husband, Warren (Lefty) of Okabena; four grandchildren, Dawn, Ryan, Kristen and Brett; two great-grandchildren, Madison and Chloe; one great-great-grandson, Gerard; sister-in-law, LaVerne Werner of Lakefield,

Minnesota; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and two brothers, Darald and Earl (Bud); baby sister, Shirley; brother-in-laws Lester and William Werner; and sister-in-laws Lucille and Velma Oelke.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30A.M. Monday, January 19, 2015, at Grace Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held Sunday, January 18, 2015, from 2:00P.M. until 4:00P.M. at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Spirit Lake. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Erma's name.

The Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

WU

“*RON, CHERYL & JUDY. ERMA [AND HARRY] WERE VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE IN MY LIFE, ALWAYS THERE FOR US NO MATTER WHAT TIME OF DAY OR NIGHT WE CAME AROUND. I THINK I CAME TO LIKE TUNA AT THE WERNERS. GOD BLESS ALL IN OF YOU THIS TIME OF GRIEF. WAYNE AND DEANIE UNTIEDT*

WAYNE UNTIEDT - January 19, 2015 at 11:42 AM

GS

“*My deepest sympathy to Erma's family. I planned to attend the funeral but the icy morning told me to stay in. I remember her from working in the hospital as a pink lady. She was a fun, happy person. I, also, remember her working at the fish suppers at the VFW. God bless!*

Gladys Sauer - January 19, 2015 at 10:09 AM

DS

“*When we discuss the past, Don always talks about the cinnamon rolls Erma made. I was not able to taste them because they were before Don and I were married.*

Deb and Don Schroeder - January 19, 2015 at 09:07 AM

AN

“*Walt and Cheryl*

Anonymous - January 18, 2015 at 09:12 PM

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“*Kay*

Anonymous - January 18, 2015 at 08:52 PM

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“ *Harry and Erma*

Anonymous - January 18, 2015 at 08:48 PM

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“ <http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com/obituary/131045/Erma-Werner//>

Anonymous - January 18, 2015 at 08:47 PM

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“ *Dawn, Madison, Chloe and Don*

Anonymous - January 18, 2015 at 08:45 PM

BW

“ *A very nice lady. She will be missed by our family.
But now she is back home with Jesus.*

Bill & Angie Werner - January 18, 2015 at 06:32 PM

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“ *Cruzin California*

Anonymous - January 17, 2015 at 05:47 PM

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“ *Cousin Bill and Angie Werner*

Anonymous - January 17, 2015 at 05:44 PM

FJ

“ *Erma Werner*

Faye Johnson - January 17, 2015 at 05:04 PM

EW

“ In 1954, when I lived with them in the summer, helping out on the farm, Irma was the first person to call me Eldy. something I will never forget. There are many more happy memories, too many to mention here. Irma, You have helped me shape my life. God bless You and your family.

Eldon Werner - January 17, 2015 at 01:42 PM

JT

“ Ron, Cheryl & Judy- My memories of your mom and the respect I have for her, can hardly fit in this space. She was my second mom, and you were my second siblings. Erma, always cooking, never complaining, sweet, funny, creative, hard working, patient, kind, giving, ticklish, loving... the list goes on and on. My favorite memory of her was her rolls she seemed to always make, like a big bun for a perfect tuna sandwich!! She never said a word when she would find them all gone, but just go to work to make some more. I will always have the memories as you will, may we take what she has taught us and pass it on!! love you all

Jane Voss Taylor - January 17, 2015 at 11:04 AM

CT

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. No matter it's always hard to say good-bye to Mom. When I first met Erma we both were employed at Berkley. Always friendly and always the smile. Good memories which I'm sure you all have. Hugs to you all. Sending our Love and Sympathy

Chuck and Donna Tielbur - January 16, 2015 at 11:10 PM

JV

“ With a sad heart, we are thinking of you all and sending our love, prayers and hugs. She was much loved and take comfort in the beautiful memories.

Joe, Karen, Ross and Sarah VanderLaan - January 16, 2015 at 10:48 PM

SH

“ Erma Werner

Shawna - January 16, 2015 at 09:16 PM

WM

“ To the Werner family,
your parents were very special. Judy and I just reminisced about the fall we picked up apples out of the snow and made many jars of apple butter. It was so good. I am visiting in New Mexico right now.

Willy Moeller - January 16, 2015 at 04:19 PM

TP

“ Grandma LaVerne Werner enjoys telling the story of when was when her brother-in-law, Bill, made coffee. If the coffee was a little weak, Erma always (jokingly) asked Bill if he "just poured the water over the beans?!!"

Tammy (Werner) Prestin - January 16, 2015 at 11:34 AM

DS

“ Harry and Erma were our farm neighbors in Sioux Valley. I remember Erma as always smiling and very pleasant. Judy and I played at each other's houses. You're in my thoughts and prayers. Cherish the wonderful memories!

Diane Kazemba Schaefer - January 15, 2015 at 12:55 PM

RM

“ *Erma Werner*

Ray & Yvonne Milbrath - January 14, 2015 at 08:39 PM

EG

“ *I became acquainted with Erma when I was working with Daffodil Days for the American Cancer Society. I always enjoyed working with her. She was always smiling and so positive. May many wonderful family memories help you through this difficult time. She's free from all earthly pain now.*

Elaine Greer - January 13, 2015 at 05:29 PM

AI

“ *Judy, Cheryl, Ron and families, Sympathy and Prayer's go out to you all. Your mother was a very special person and your parent's were very important to the Sioux Valley community for many year's.*

Arnie and Ruth Ihnen - January 13, 2015 at 10:45 AM

CA

“ *Werner family - I remember your mom as a warm, smiling, happy lady who loved her family dearly. Take comfort in all your memories. I will keep you all in my prayers during these next difficult days.*

Cheryl Gerdes Aumer - January 13, 2015 at 09:44 AM

PR

“*Erma and Harry were our neighbors for as long as we all lived on Pioneer Beach Road. Their home was always open to us. My girls went over many days to play with the slot machine. Erma always told them that they could keep the nickels. I marched them back over. If we ever needed a tool or a cup of sugar she made Harry find the tool and she had the cup of sugar. We have missed her these past years but nice to see Ron, Judy, and Cheryl around to let us know how she was doing. Letting go is hard but I know she is with Harry and having a fine time. Prayers to you all.*”

Peggy Rick - January 12, 2015 at 10:02 PM