



Bernice Irene Reinke

November 17, 1917 - May 23, 2011

Funeral services for Bernice Reinke age 93 of Orchard were 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 27, 2011 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Orchard, Ne, with Rev. Marcel Kohlmeyer, Officiating. Music was provided by Bob and Rita Kester. Burial will be in the Clearwater Cemetery. Pallbearers were Alan Melcher, Jason Melcher, Marc Melcher, Paul Fullbright, Noah Fullbright, Jacob Powell, Duane Powel, Peter Melcher, Richie Melcher, Steve Higby, Rodney Higby, Randy Higby. Honorary Pallbearers were Penny McFarland, Sandy Herro, MaryAnn Winterbottom, Julie Pierson, Lisa Solomonson, Amber Holmblad, Shelley McCarthy, Angela Mohr, Rachael Roberts, Jayne Kota, Carmela Miller, Megan Jackson. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 26, 2011 at Snider Memorial Funeral Home in Clearwater. Mrs. Reinke passed away Monday, May 23, 2011 at Avera St. Anthony's Hospital in O'Neill. Bernice Irene Reinke was born on November 17, 1917 to Jay and Mary (Bleakney) Trease in Orchard, Ne. She grew up in Orchard. Bernice attended rural country school and Orchard High School. She united into marriage to Art Melcher on October 12, 1936 in O'Neill, Ne. They lived in Atkinson for a short while and ran the Crystal Ballroom. They then moved back to the 80 on the Willow area Northeast of Neligh, in 1943 they bought a farm northwest of Neligh. She worked at Keahaven Nursing Home, which is now the Golden Living Center for many years. On December 10, 1977 she was united into marriage to Duane Reinke at Neligh, Ne and the couple made their home on the farm northeast of Clearwater. Duane passed away October, 1984. Bernice enjoyed cooking, gardening, canning, and quilting. Being with family was the most important part of her life. She was a member of the Concordia Lutheran Church for years. She then joined St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Orchard in 1998, when she moved to Orchard from the farm. She is survived by her children, Kenneth (Pat) Melcher of Orchard, Ne., Edward (Linda) Melcher of Braham, Mn., Melvin (Lynette) Melcher of Hot Springs Village, Ar., Arthur (Suzie) Melcher of Eldridge, IA., Lois (Scotti) Fullbright of Westerville, OH., and Emmie Powell of Clearwater, Ne. 24 Grandchildren, 57 Great Grandchildren, and 4 Great Great Grandchildren. Sister, Esther Hauf of Orchard, Ne. Preceded in death by parents and husbands. Brothers: Bernard and Ralph. Son, Lary Melcher. Her last day was spending time calling ALL her children and grandchildren and saying to them "I LOVE YOU".

Comments



“ "Miss you Grandma. I know you are taking care of my Mom and Buz. Missing them so much too. Love you."

Mary Winterbottom - May 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ "Miss you GRANDMA!!!!"

Mary - May 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ "It has taken me some time to accept that Grandma is no longer here in body. However, she remains with me in my heart and in spirit."

Mary Winterbottom - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ "Emmie, enjoy your memories of your Mom, she was a nice person and I know you will miss you very much, Luann"

Luann Shields - June 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ "Emmie - Sorry about the passing of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. May God bless you and be with you during this time. Keep the memories in your heart."

Cheryl Thrasher - May 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“Emma and family,
My deepest condolences go out to you during this time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Bernice was a loving and caring lady. She will be missed, but never forgotten. God Bless you all"

Aaron Thiessen - May 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“Emmie...thinking of you during this time. May God bless and comfort you and your family."

Amanda Jeffres - May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“Emmie,
My deepest sympathies to you and your family. Hold your memories tight. Heaven has another angel. Gloria"

Gloria Hoelsing - May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“Emmie, and family
My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your whole family for the loss of your mother. I am so glad you got to have her for the years you did. Keep the memories of her close to your heart, it will help.
Carla"

Carla jacob - May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“Emmie,
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. She will be missed.
Bev Nelson"

Bev Nelson - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ "Our thoughts and prayers are with you all! Bernice was a very loving and caring person and such a joy to have as a neighbor. We will miss seeing her smiling face! May you find comfort in all of your memories. God's blessings to all!"

Warren - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ "Emma,
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this most heartbreaking time. Your memories of your mom will always be there for comfort. God Bless and keep you."

Krystal Sisson Hamik - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM