



Bernice Orabelle Bjergum

April 1, 1920 - February 1, 2018

Bernice Orabelle Bjergum was born April 1, 1920 to Theodore and Olga Flatten Johnson at their home near what is now Wold's strawberry farm, rural Houston County. Bernice was baptized May 30, 1920 by Reverend C.L. Hocking at the United Methodist Church of Mabel and confirmed in the same church in 1932.

Bernice worked at the Welch dairy farm near Mabel, MN and at Mansfield manufacturing in Spring Grove, MN. On April 14, 1938 Bernice married Arthur Bjergum in Decorah, IA. After marrying Art, Bernice read for the minister and joined Faith Lutheran Church of Black Hammer at the same time as Lois Bergsrud Morken. Bernice and Art had two children, a son, Roger and a daughter, Judy. Bernice and Art farmed in the Spring Grove area for about 30 years. Bernice and Art were one of the first couples to live in the new Spring Grove manor where Bernice continued to live for about 25 years after Art passed away. Bernice cordially welcomed visitors and always shared a homemade meal. Many fondly remember her homemade doughnuts, from-scratch-angel food cakes, Sally Ann cookies and more.

Bernice will be remembered for sending greeting cards of which birthday and anniversary cards were received about a week early. She always wanted to let people know she was thinking of them. Bernice loved to read, anything she could get her hands on - newspapers, catalogs, periodicals from the book rack at the home and liked to do crossword puzzles. Her smile and pleasant

personality will be missed by all who met her.

Bernice passed away February 1, 2018 at Gundersen Tweeten Care Center in Spring Grove, MN, having been a resident there for 12 years.

A sincere thank you to everyone for your kindnesses shown to Bernice while she lived in the Spring Grove Manor and at the Gundersen Tweeten Care Center; especially Reverend Liptack, Sharra, Asher, Josiah and Evangeline.

Survivors include:

Daughter: Judy Distad; Daughter-in-law LaVonne Bjergum

Grandchildren: Jackie (Dan), Bonnie (Mark), Lloyd (Irene) Bjergum, Jeanne (Bob) Mulder and Alice Bjergum

Great-grandchildren: Brianna, Cory, Haley, Will, Kaitlin, Ashlee, Greg (Megan) Mulder, Jessica Mulder, Jacob Mulder, Samantha Mulder, Katie Bjergum, Lacie Bjergum

Sister: Doris Westby

Nieces, nephews and friends

Cousin: Irene Rice

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents, husband Arthur Bjergum, December 15, 1982; Son, Roger Bjergum, October 2, 2005; Son-in-law Sterling Distad, December 17, 2015; Sisters: Lucille (Ervin) Peterson, Harriet Johnson, Helen (Gerald) Erickson, Brother-in-law: Shelby Westby

Cemetery Details

Faith Lutheran Cemetery

Black Hammer, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church
Black Hammer, MN 55974

Memorial Service

FEB 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

HB

“ I knew Bernice all my life, but not very well. I heard she was very pleasant

to be around and was good to everyone. In the later years I visited her at

the care center a few times per year. I was always happy to see her as she

always seemed happy. I would have liked her for a neighbor. My cousin Blaine,

who knew her much better than I did, said the right things about her.

Harvey Benson - February 09, 2018 at 07:10 PM

IB

“ Grandma B was truly a wonderful woman. She loved people coming to visit her and was sad to see them go. Her love and kindness were without end. She enjoyed telling stories and listening to stories you had to share. She especially loved the visits with her great grandchildren. She never counted the number of times you did or didn't stop to visit but she was always glad when you did. She never wanted to be a bother to anyone and enjoyed being the one who was taking care of others. You never left Grandma's without a treat!! She was loving, strong, funny, kind and a wonderful inspiration. Thank you for the wonderful memories, Grandma! You are missed.

IRENE BJERGUM - February 08, 2018 at 01:00 PM

BB

“ *My husband Blaine Benson's Aunt Bernice Bjergum
When you first met Bernice you knew you were meeting someone special, she exudes, joy, delight, love and acceptance. She had that positive countenance. Throughout her long suffering she was kind and made you feel you were welcome, appreciated and accepted for who you are! I think that she is the definition of a saint. Bernice was a role model for how we should treat others! She lives on in memories to draw upon when we struggle thru our journey here on earth. Thank you, Bernice for being you!*
Ann Benson

Blaine Benson - February 06, 2018 at 09:32 AM

BB

“ *My Aunt Bernice Bjergum:
When God made Aunts he gave me the best! Inspirational and Sensational! Awesome and full of fun! She has lived life this way to this very day, and that has never changed!
I remember Aunt Bernice ever since I was just a little boy. I remember her kindness, joy, happiness, excitement, love, and unlimited, unending positive attitude on life. She loved people and she loved life!
As Bernice got older and suffered with arthritis her attitude never changed! This lady is a Saint! Bernice has been a blessing to her family, to me and every person she came in contact with!*
Blaine Benson

Blaine Benson - February 06, 2018 at 09:31 AM