

In Loving Memory of
Bernice Lucy Utter
March 20, 1931 ~ December 11, 2023

Memorial Service

Wednesday, December 27, 2023 ▪ 11:00 AM
Faith Lutheran Church ▪ 1402 E Ave C
Bismarck, North Dakota

Interment

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery
Mandan, North Dakota

Prelude		
Gathering & Thanksgiving for Baptism		
Hymn	<i>“How Great Thou Art”</i>	ELW 856
Greeting & Prayer of the Day		
Reading		Psalm 23 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Gospel Reading		John 14:1-7
Sermon		
Hymn	<i>“On Eagles Wings”</i>	ELW 787
Apostles’ Creed		
Prayers		
Lord’s Prayer		
Commendation and Dismissal		
Hymn	<i>“Old Rugged Cross”</i>	Insert
Postlude		

Officiant Pastor Sylvia Bull
Musician Vicki Martel

Following the service, the family invites you to join them for lunch and fellowship at the church.

BERNICE LUCY UTTER, 92, formerly of New Leipzig, ND passed away on December 11, 2023, at the Missouri Slope Hillview Nursing Home in Bismarck, ND.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM, Wednesday, Dec. 27, at Faith Lutheran Church, 1402 E Ave C, Bismarck, ND. Family will begin greeting guests one hour prior to the service.

Bernice was born on March 20, 1931, at the Bismarck hospital to Gottlieb and Molly (Bellon) Moos. She attended school until eighth grade and then began working full-time at the Elgin Drugstore.

On October 16, 1949, Bernice married Harold Utter at the Zion Lutheran Church in Elgin, ND. They were a hard-working couple on the farm and enjoyed a Saturday night out visiting friends and dancing. Bernice moved to Bismarck, after Harold's passing in 1989.

One of Bernice's greatest joys was partaking in her lifelong hobbies. Cooking brought out her creativity in the kitchen as she delighted family and friends with her delicious meals. The grandchildren loved to visit with her enjoying delicious caramel rolls, kuchen and cookies. Grandma's humor and good-natured teasing is a cherished memory for us all. Her talents extended to crocheting, knitting, quilting, and even jewelry shopping. Each stitch she crafted reflected her passion and attention to detail.

Bernice is survived by her four sons: Raymond Utter, Bismarck; Russell (Lori) Utter, Sidney, MT; Rodney (Rita) Utter, West Fargo, ND; and Todd (Linda) Utter, Sidney, MT; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harold; her parents and sisters Leonna Moos, Tina Thomas, Adeline Baesler, Violet Johnson and brother, Ruben Moos.

As we bid farewell to Bernice, let us celebrate a life well-lived and honor the legacy she leaves behind. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

What is a Mother

*It takes a Mother's Love to make a house a home,
A place to be remembered, no matter where we roam...*

*It takes a Mother's Patience to bring a child up right,
And her Courage and her Cheerfulness to make a dark day bright...
It takes a Mother's Thoughtfulness to mend the heart's deep "hurts",
And her Skill and her Endurance to mend little socks and shirts...*

*It takes a Mother's Kindness to forgive us when we err,
To sympathize in trouble and bow her head in prayer...*

*It takes a Mother's Wisdom to recognize our needs
and to give us reassurance by her loving words and deeds...*

It takes a Mother's Endless Faith, her Confidence and Trust

*To guide us through the pitfalls of selfishness and lust...
And that is why in all this world there could not be another
Who could fulfill God's purpose as completely as a Mother!*