

Loretta Jo Bernstein

Loretta Jo Klinkhammer was born on November 15, 1954, to James and Adeline (Milbrandt) Klinkhammer in Oakes, North Dakota. She attended school in Gwinner, ND. Loretta met Richard Bernstein in Cogswell, ND, and after a five-year courtship, they were married. After marriage, Loretta and Richard moved to North St. Paul, MN, where Loretta finished her senior year graduating from North St. Paul High School in 1973.

Loretta's husband Richard joined the military in 1975. His military career brought them to Germany where he was stationed for 3 years. This is where they began their family, first welcoming their daughter Laura in 1977 and then their son Robert in 1978. After leaving Germany they spent 3 years in Colorado before making their home in Wahpeton, North Dakota.

Loretta worked as a CNA, retiring in 2014. She was a CNA for over 32 years. Loretta loved taking care of people, whether it be at her job, or her friends and neighbors.

Loretta was most known for her kind heart and treated everyone as they were a part of her family. She was a bonus mom and grandma to many of Laura and Roberts friends and her grandchildren's friends as well. Loretta's fridge was always stocked with Powerade and treats for her grandkids and their friends!

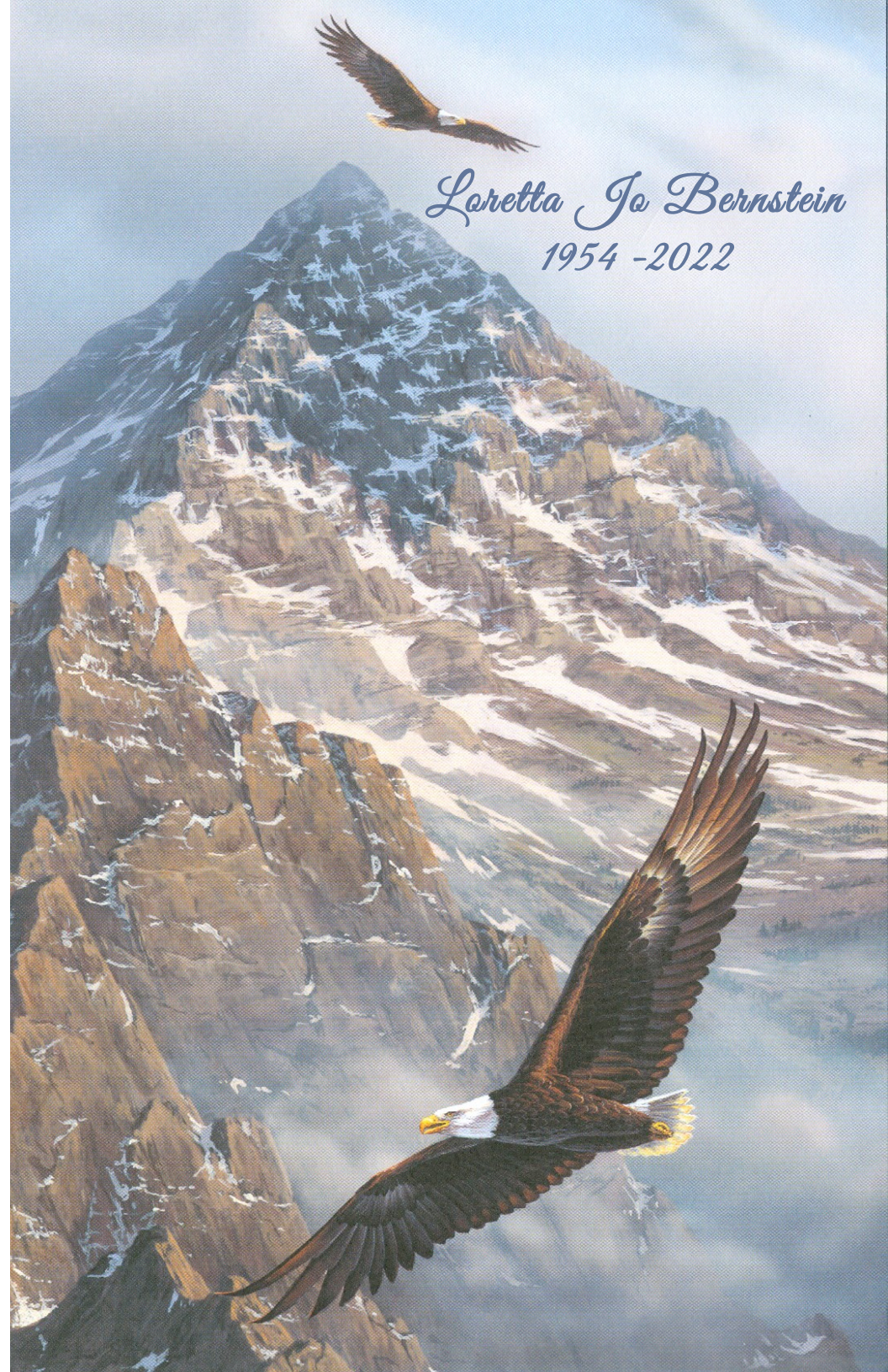
Loretta loved her five grandchildren, and was present for almost every one of their events. She had a knack for yelling at the umpires during baseball games, but knew she had to be quiet at tennis matches.

When Loretta wasn't at her grandchildren's events or visiting with her neighbors and friends in their shop out back, you would find her curled up in a blanket reading a book or watching a good Western or the Hallmark channel on TV.

Loretta is survived by her husband of 49 years, Richard; children, Laura (Loren) Utke, West Fargo, ND, Robert (Carrie) Bernstein, Wahpeton, ND; five grandchildren, Peyton Utke, Lindsey Utke, West Fargo, ND, Xander Bernstein, Kasen Bernstein, Kailee Bernstein, Wahpeton, ND; sisters, Paulette Quintanilla, Fargo, ND and Jane Olson, Wahpeton, ND; brothers and sisters-in-law; many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, James and Adeline (Milbrandt) Klinkhammer; two infant brothers; mother and fathers-in-law, Beverly (Sveum) Adolf, Alvin Adolf, and Henry Bernstein.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.



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1954 -2022

Footprints

One night I had a dream.
I was walking along the
beach with the Lord, and
across the skies flashed
scenes from my life. In
each scene I noticed two
sets of footprints in the sand.
One was mine, and one was
the Lord's.

When the last scene of my life appeared before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and to my
surprise I noticed that many times along the path of my
life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed
that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life.

I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that
once I decided to follow you, you would walk with
me all the way. But I notice that during the most
troublesome times in my life there is only one set of
footprints. I don't understand why you left my side
when I needed you most."

The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you
and would never leave you. During your times of
trial and suffering, where you see only one set of
footprints, I was carrying you.

In Loving Memory of Loretta Jo Bernstein



Born

November 15, 1954 - Oakes, North Dakota

Passed Away

December 25, 2022 - Fargo, North Dakota

Age

68 Years 1 Month 10 Days

Funeral Service

11:00 AM - Wednesday, January 4, 2023
Vertin-Munson Funeral Home - Wahpeton, North Dakota

Officiant

Fr. Paul Kuhn

Organist

Mary Jane Pauly

Cantor

Carmen Paquin

Hymns

"On Eagles Wings"
"Precious Lord Take My Hand"
"Amazing Grace"

Interment at a Later Date

Mandan Veterans Cemetery - Mandan, North Dakota