

*Remembering the life of...*

Fern Elaine Rau, 95, of Elizabeth, died Monday, March 4, 2024, under the care of Moments Hospice.

Fern was born on November 4, 1928, to William and Nora (Possehl) Hanneman. She was baptized at St. John Lutheran Church in Elizabeth and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls. She grew up on the family farm in Fergus Falls Township and graduated from Fergus Falls High School. She worked for Beall and McGowan also in Fergus Falls.

On September 12, 1948, she married Merrill Rau in Fergus Falls. From 1951 to 1955, Merrill served in the US Air Force and the couple resided in Amarillo, TX. In 1956 they moved to rural Elizabeth where they farmed until 1971. She was then employed as a secretary at Faith and Trinity Lutheran Churches, and also the supervisor of the Foster Grandparent Program at the State Hospital all of Fergus Falls, retiring in 1990.

In the fall of 2019, Fern moved to Mill Street Residence in Fergus Falls. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls and served in the Stephen Ministry there.

Fern enjoyed puzzles, gardening, bird watching, flowers, her family, and especially her faith.

She is survived by her five daughters, Linda Pederson of Moorhead, Carol (Harry) Solberg and Lorie (Warren) Burris of Fergus Falls, Cathy (Len) Christianson of Power, MT, and Holly (Chris) Beighley of Fergus Falls; eight grandchildren, Robin and Roxanne Price, Logan (Lynae) Solberg, Michelle (Helen) Burris-Lake, Melissa Burris, Sara (John) Park, Kayla Christianson, and Alissa Beighley; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Lorraine Langfeld of Rothsay, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were parents, William and Nora Hanneman; husband, Merrill Rau; a sister, Frances Max; two brothers, Lyle and Richard Hanneman; sister-in-law, Mildred Miller, and a niece, Twyla Neumann.

*Blessed be the memory of Fern Rau*

*In Loving Memory of*

*Fern E. Rau*

*November 4, 1928 ~ March 4, 2024*





***The Day God Called You Home***

*God looked around His garden  
and found an empty space.  
Then He looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you,  
and lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
for He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering.  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
get well on earth again.*

*He saw the road was getting rough,  
and the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyes,  
and whispered "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.*

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

***Fern Elaine Rau***

**November 4, 1928      March 4, 2024**

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

11:00 a.m. Monday, March 11, 2024  
Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Fergus Falls, Minnesota

**CLERGY**

Reverend Christopher Lieske

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Psalm 23 ~ Lamentations 3:22-33  
Romans 5:1-11 ~ John 5:24-30*

**MUSIC**

Bonnie Johnson ~ Organist

**Congregational Hymns**

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #770  
"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" #461  
"Beautiful Savior" #537  
"How Great Thou Art" #801*

**CASKET BEARERS**

Levi Stenerson ~ Wayne Mortenson ~ Karl Meyer  
Allan Rau ~ Dale Langfeld ~ Dwight Langfeld

**INTERMENT**

Trinity-Faith Cemetery ~ Fergus Falls, Minnesota

**APPRECIATION**

We gratefully acknowledge your attendance and many kind  
expressions of sympathy during our time of loss.  
Please join us for lunch following the service.

*~ The family of Fern Rau*