

*For Those I Love and  
Those Who Love Me*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go...*

*I have so many things to see and do.  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,  
Be thankful for our many beautiful years.*

*I gave you my love. You can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you have shown,  
But now it's time I traveled on alone!*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part,  
So bless the memories within your heart.*

*I won't be far away, for life goes on.  
So if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near,  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
All of my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone...  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."*

*In Loving Memory*



*Irene Larson*

*April 7, 1921 ~ October 1, 2018*



Irene Margaret Christine (Sumption) Larson was born to Ira “Howard” and Anna (Kroeger) Sumption on April 7, 1921 in Tyler, MN. She was baptized on May 12, 1921 and confirmed on June 9, 1935 at Aetna Lutheran Church in Ruthton, MN. She was raised on farms within a two-mile radius of Ruthton, MN where she attended public school and completed the eighth grade. She continued living with her family helping work the farm; especially enjoying the outdoor duties.

Irene was united in marriage to Ludvig Larson on November 6, 1943 at Aetna Lutheran Church. After living in Tyler and Minneapolis for one and one-half years doing farm labor and household duties, they returned to Ruthton and in 1947 they moved to Cazenovia, MN. They remained there for forty-three years having designed and built their own home where Irene was busy raising their three children and becoming very involved with activities of First Lutheran Church in Pipestone, MN. She was president of Ladies Aid (now WELCA), as well as president of her circle, teaching vacation Bible school, and completing the Bethel Bible Series. The family Bible is a treasure trove of margin notes. Irene also was very interested in her family history and she researched family trees for both her and Lud’s family. She was instrumental in organizing family reunions, as well. Throughout the years, Irene was active in the Cazenovia Club.

Upon retirement, Lud and Irene moved to Alexandria, MN in 1990 residing on Lake Geneva where they became members of First Lutheran Church in Alexandria. Lud passed away on February 25, 1999. Irene remained at their home until July 2014 when she became a resident at the Bethany Community Home. She suffered a stroke on Sunday, September 23, 2018. After a five-day hospital stay, she returned to Bethany on Hospice care where family members provided comfort and love continually until her passing on Monday, October 1, 2018. She was ninety-seven years, five months and twenty-four days.

Irene enjoyed watching sports on television, especially football (Vikings) and baseball (Twins), as well as, attending wrestling matches; loved to play cards; listen to music (taught herself to play the pump organ and piano); and excelled in knitting, crocheting, and even upholstering her own furniture. She also sewed many clothes for herself and two daughters.

Irene’s most favorite joy, however, was spending time with her family. She was a devoted daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend with a strong, unwavering faith. She expressed many “words of wisdom” in her lifetime along with a great sense of humor and infectious laugh that have created wonderful memories. She remains in our hearts forever.

Irene is lovingly remembered by her two daughters, Sharon (Steve) Huemoller, Fullerton, CA and Lurene (Steve) Heard, Topeka, KS, daughter-in-law, Kim Larson, Wyoming, MN, sister, Doris Rusk, Alexandria, MN and two brothers, Emery Sumption, Cambridge, MN and Russell (MaryAnn) Sumption, Alexandria; sister-in-law, Delores Sumption, Breckenridge, MN; eight grandchildren, Jason (Paula) Greve, Jennifer (Chris) Creswell, Stephenie (William) McLaren, Michael (Anna) Huemoller, Jessica Larson, Misty (Justin) Swearingen, Amanda Larson and Mathew (Christine) Larson; and twelve great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ludvig; son, Larry; three sisters, Leone Heldt, Carol Stier, Sylvia Henderson; one brother, Leroy Sumption; and her parents.

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## ***Irene Margaret Christine Larson***

April 7, 1921 † October 1, 2018

### **Funeral Service**

First Lutheran Church  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
October 8, 2018  
2 PM

### **Officiant**

Reverend Ben Jacobson

### **Musicians**

Virginia Hegre

### **Soloist**

Trisha Garvin

### **Casket Bearers**

Jason Greve

Jessica Larson

Jennifer Creswell

Misty Swearingen

Stephenie McLaren

Amanda Larson

Michael Huemoller

Mathew Larson

### **Honorary Casket Bearers**

Irene’s Great Grandchildren

*and*

Helen Beyers

Gen Sportel

Ardell Wolff

Colleen Delaney

### **Committal Service**

Ruthton Cemetery  
Ruthton, Minnesota  
October 9, 2018  
11 AM

### **Officiant**

Reverend Evan Schiller