

Letting Go

The Angels gathered near your bed,
so very close to you.
For they knew the *pain and suffering*
that you were going through.

I thought about so many things,
as I held tightly to your hand.
Oh, HOW I WISHED that you were strong
and happy once again.

But your eyes were looking homeward,
to that place beyond the sky.
Where JESUS held His outstretched arms,
it was time *to say goodbye.*

I struggled with my SELFISH THOUGHTS,
for I wanted you to stay.
So we could walk and talk again,
like we did - just yesterday.

But JESUS KNEW THE ANSWER,
and I knew He loved you so.
So I gave to you life's greatest gift,
the gift of letting go.

Now my heart will carry MEMORIES
of the love you gave to me
Until we meet again in heaven,
where the best is yet to be.

IN LOVING Memory

Leola Ida Krueger

June 2, 1934 † November 17, 2023

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, November 25, 2023 ~ 11:00 AM
Ebenezer Lutheran Church
Leaf Valley, Minnesota

CLERGY

Pastor Scott Brown

ORGANIST - Kristi Wussow

SOLOIST - Sharon Lindemann

CASKET BEARERS

Jason Krueger	Tyler Krueger
Heidi Vavrina	Jared Fridgen
Jordan Fridgen	Curt Krueger

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Gavin Krueger	Madison Krueger
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INTERMENT

Ebenezer Lutheran Cemetery
Leaf Valley, Minnesota

Leola Ida (Zarn) Krueger, was born on June 2, 1934, to Albert and Lydia (Ost) Zarn in Leaf Valley Township, Douglas County, MN. She lived a life filled with love, faith, and cherished moments.

Growing up on a farm near Rose City, Leola developed a strong work ethic. Alongside her parents and sister Lucy, she helped on the family farm and later worked in a bakery during her teenage years. On September 5, 1959, Leola was united in marriage to Delbert Krueger of Leaf Valley at Ebenezer Lutheran Church.

Leola and Delbert raised their four children, Wayne, Willis, Wendy, and Wanda, on the Krueger farm in Leaf Valley. Leola's commitment to her family was unwavering, as she embraced her role as a loving wife and nurturing mother. She worked tirelessly on the farm, cleaning cabins, and cooking. She was known for her mouthwatering home-cooked meals, particularly her signature deep-fried chicken (better than Kentucky Fried Chicken). She had a big garden that allowed her to provide her family with fresh produce and engage in the joy of canning.

In addition to her love of cooking, Leola enjoyed exploring flea markets, spending time outdoors, singing, fishing, bingo, and playing cards. Leola relished the company of others, always making guests feel welcome and cherished. Her infectious smile lit up any room and her compassionate heart touched the lives of all who knew her.

Leola Ida Krueger, a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, peacefully passed away at Knute Nelson, on November 17, 2023, at the age of 89. She is survived by her children, Wayne Krueger, Willis (Mary) Krueger, Wendy Fridgen, and Wanda Krueger; grandchildren, Jason (Allie) Krueger, Tyler (Sara) Krueger, Heidi (Cody) Vavrina, Jared Fridgen, and Jordan Fridgen. She also leaves behind great-grandchildren, Gavin and Madison Krueger; sisters-in-law, Margine Norling and Verdell Krueger.

Leola is preceded in death by her husband, Delbert; parents, sister Lucy; brothers-in-law, Palmer Krueger, Alvin Krueger, and Romaine Norling.

Leola will forever be remembered for her kind heart, infectious laughter, and unwavering love for her family. Her memory will live on in the hearts of those she touched, and her legacy will continue to inspire us to embrace each day with warmth, love, and a smile, just as she did.

Arrangements by *Anderson Funeral Home* and Cremation Service, Alexandria, Minnesota

In Loving

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Leola Ida Krueger
1934 ~ 2023