

Bernice was born on June 9, 1917, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the daughter of Loddie and Lena (Smith) Matejka. The family moved to Donnelly, Minnesota when Bernice was a little girl. At a very young age she moved in with her Aunt Tillie to be closer to school. She was the oldest of thirteen children.

Bernice was united in marriage to Eldred Winter on June 18, 1941 in Morris, MN. To this union three sons were born: LuVern, Robert and Mark. The couple lived in rural Cyrus on a small farm. Bea also worked at the restaurant in Morris. In 1962, the couple moved to Alexandria where she ran Winter's Resort on Lobster Lake for over 40 years. She also waitressed at the Algon Ballroom in Alexandria.

Grandma Bea loved to grow flowers and vegetable gardens. She canned everything she could get her hands on up to about 2 years ago. She was an awesome cook and baker who taught many people how to make lefse. Bea enjoyed hosting big family picnics where there was always more than enough food. Grandma Bea was a talented seamstress. Her handiwork included lots of mending for the boys, making quilts for the missions, baby quilts for newborns at her church and baby quilts. She crocheted caps for babies at the local hospital and did beautiful cross stitch projects.

In Grandma Bea's spare time she enjoyed rowdy card games, playing bingo, going on casino trips and doing scratch off tickets. Grandma was a very avid fisher lady. Bernice loved Jesus and did Bible Study up to the end. She was a woman of great faith.

Grandma Bea died on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at the age of 103 ½. Bea made sure everyone had her correct age. She is survived by her three boys: Robert (wife, Katie), Luvern (wife, Kathy), Mark (wife, Cindy); grandchildren: Stefania Winter, John (Miranda) Winter, Andy (Suzie) Winter, Noelle von Tesmar, Jennifer Lenarz, Emily Lenarz, Kevin Winter, Kari (Tony) Hernandez; 8 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild; siblings: Clarence, Lu, Betty, Wayne, Winne, Vernon; several nieces, nephews, cousins and tons of friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eldred; grandson, Benjamin; siblings: Lillian, Roy, Jeanette, Evelyn, Bonnie, Glenn.

*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,  
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 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*

***Bernice K. Winter***

June 9, 1917 † January 26, 2021

**Funeral Service**

St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
Garfield, Minnesota  
Monday, February 1, 2021,  
11:00 AM

**Officiant**

Pastor David Gran

**Organist**

Sue Peterson

**Burial**

Summit Cemetery  
Morris, Minnesota

**Arrangements**

Anderson Funeral Home  
Alexandria, Minnesota