

Bernice Ellen Hallsten, age 101, a longtime resident of Sheyenne, ND, died peacefully on Friday, November 27, 2020, at the Northwood Deaconess Health Center in Northwood, ND. She had recently resided at the Good Samaritan home in Larimore, ND. Bernice was born in Vienna, South Dakota on December 13, 1918, to Ole and Synneva Ystaas. She was the 4th of 9 children. The family moved to Hillsdale Township in Eddy County, North Dakota where her parents purchased their farm. She attended a country school across the road from their farmstead.

Bernice married Erland Hallsten in 1941. She stayed at the farm with her parents until Erland, who served in World War II, returned from the war. They raised their four children in Sheyenne, ND. The Sheyenne community cherished Bernice. As a First Lutheran Church member, she served as an LCR leader and assisted with Sunday School. She was also active in the VFW Auxiliary, Homemakers, and Card Clubs in her later years. Bernice was the quintessential homemaker. She loved spending time with family and friends - visiting, telling stories, entertaining, playing pinocle, and, occasionally, singing a Norwegian tune. She was a genuinely gifted cook, baker, and hostess to all who entered her home. Bernice's house was a place of congregation for all. She generously offered baked treats served with hot coffee, a slice of her delicious brown bread, or even a Kumla dinner to so many over the years. Bernice greatly enjoyed holidays and traveling to be with her family... whether it was the 4th of July in Sheyenne, Thanksgiving & Christmas in Larimore, North Dakota with Steven's family & Janice's family, a trip to Layton, Utah to see Rod's family (most memorably with sisters Millie and Donna (Walt) for the 2002 Winter Olympics), or spending time in Roseburg, Oregon with JoAnn's family (including visits to Driftwood Shores Resort on the coast). She treasured frequent calls from her sister Donna in Anoka, Minnesota and, in her most recent years, was so fortunate to live near Steven, always feeling comforted by his presence. Bernice deeply loved - and was loved by - her family and friends. She will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

Bernice is survived by her daughter JoAnn (Mike) and their two children, Todd (Melinda) and Traci (Randy); daughter Janice and her two children, Mark (Jeannine) and Jeffrey (Carissa); son Rodney (Sharon) and their four children, Casidy (Olanrewaju), Christa (John), Dax (Marina) and Kyle (Michelle); son Steven (Jackie) and their two children Lindsey and Lacey (Taylor); beloved sister Donna (Walter) and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Great Grandma Bernice was incredibly proud of her 22 great-grandchildren: Adriann, Grant, Alexandra, Zachary, Kessla, Madison, Sydney, John, Brynn, Ethan, Alexandria, Massimo, Julia, Synneva, Gemma, Ashton, George, Anna, Olen, Maggie, Leona, and Nella. Preceding Bernice in death were her parents, Ole and Synneva Ystaas; husband, Erland; brothers Samuel, Elwood, and Norris Ystaas; and sisters Ida Ystaas, Gladys Berglund, Edna Ness, and Millie Portz.



In Loving Memory



To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go -
You have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.

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

So grieve awhile 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 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."

-Author unknown

Celebrating The Life Of *Bernice Ellen Hallsten*

December 13, 1918 – Vienna, SD
November 27, 2020 – Larimore, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, July 9, 2021 ~ 2:00PM
First Lutheran Church, Sheyenne, ND

OFFICIATING

Pastor Jeff Halvorson

MUSIC

Congregational Hymn
How Great Thou Art

Mary Ellen Rue ~ Organist

Jesus Loves Me

by Great Grandchildren
Synneva Ellingson ~ Pianist

Recorded Music

I Can Only Imagine by Mercy Me

URN BEARER

Grant Ellingson ~ Grandson

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All of Bernice's grandchildren and great grandchildren

BURIAL

Riverside Cemetery, Sheyenne, ND

Arrangements by

Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND
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