

*Ida Marie Christine Carstens was born February 21, 1923 in Gorman Township, the daughter of Fredrick and Christina (Jorgenson) Weidemann. She passed away Sunday, December 2, 2018 at Harvest Glenn in Perham Living.*

Ida was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Evergreen. Ida grew up near Evergreen and attended country school.

On May 12, 1943, Ida was united in marriage to Victor Carstens at St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Evergreen. To this union four children were born. They made their home and farmed in rural Frazee. Ida was a loving mother and devoted wife, caring for the home and the children. She was a farm wife who helped milk cows, tend chickens, cook meals, and harvest the crops.

Ida enjoyed gardening, canning, cooking, and baking. She liked to go fishing, loved watching the Minnesota Twins, and playing cards with family and friends. For many years, she had a passion for crocheting and making quilts for family, friends, and the church. Ida was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran's LWML and the quilting club.

She is survived by her children: Roger (Orleen Hoffman) Carstens of Sauk Centre; Kenneth (Phyllis) Carstens of Frazee; Karen (Bill) Mayfield of Frazee; 13 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; son-in-law: Rev. Richard Miller of New Braunfels, Texas; sisters: Lorraine Ziegler of Perham; Darlene Lubitz of Perham; sister-in-law: Laura Carstens of Perham; and several nieces, nephews and extended family.

Ida was preceded in death by her parents: Fredrick and Christina Weidemann; husband: Victor Carstens in 2003; daughter: Carol Miller in 2004; sisters: Annie Rux and Hattie Wanderi; and brother: George Weidemann.

*In Loving Memory Of*



*Ida Carstens*

**1923 ~ 2018**





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**Date of Birth**  
February 21, 1923  
Gorman Township

Age 95

**Date of Death**  
December 2, 2018  
Perham, Minnesota

***Memorial Service***

Friday, December 7, 2018 ~ 11:00 a.m.  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Frazee, Minnesota

***Officiant***

Pastor Andrew Ratcliffe

***Special Music***

Kathy Carlson, Accompanist

***Casket Bearers***

Benjamin Carstens  
Kendra Rasmussen  
Amanda Remington

Stephen Miller  
Danny Mayfield  
Chad Mayfield

***Honorary Casket Bearers***

Jared Carstens  
Dustyn Rasmussen  
Molly Carstens  
Milissa Nestvold

Joshua Mayfield  
Kristen Mayfield  
Michael Miller  
Paul Miller

***Interment***

Gorman Township Cemetery  
Rural Frazee, Minnesota

***Footprints***

One night I had a dream.

I was walking along  
the beach with the Lord,  
and across the skies flashed scenes from my life.

In each scene, I noticed two sets  
of footprints in the sand.

One was mine and one was the Lord's.

When the last scene of my life appeared before me,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and  
to my surprise I noticed that many times along the  
path of my life there was only one set of footprints.

And I noticed that it was at the lowest and  
saddest times in my life.

I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that  
once I decided to follow you, you would walk with  
me all the way. But I notice that during the most  
troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why you left my side  
when I needed you most."

The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you  
and would never leave you. During your times of  
trial and suffering, where you see only one set of footprints,  
I was carrying you."

*Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow. Your kindness is deeply  
appreciated and will always be remembered by our family.*

*Thank you from Roger, Ken and Karen*