



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Arlene Larson

WHO WAS BORN

July 6, 1930

Rural Summit, Grant County, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

June 30, 2025

Watertown, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, July 7, 2025 - 2:00 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church

Summit, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Pastor Janet Miller

ORGANIST

Val Moen

CASKET BEARERS

Grandsons

Brad Olson | Gene Olson | Paul Larson
Kevin Gaikowski | Jason Gaikowski | Doug Larson
Steven Gaikowski | Jesse Gaikowski | Mark Larson

HONOARY BEARERS

All Her Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

INTERMENT

Lebanon Lutheran Cemetery

Grant County, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Arlene's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the graveside service, please join the family for fellowship and a luncheon in the church dining room.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

*We Said a Prayer for You, Mother
to thank the Lord above
for blessing us with a lifetime
of your tenderhearted love.*

*We thanked God for the caring
you've shown us through the years,
for the closeness we've enjoyed
in times of laughter and of tears.*

*And so, we thank you from our hearts
for all you've done for us,
and we bless the Lord for giving us
the best mother there ever was!*



Arlene Iris Larson was born on July 6, 1930, in Lura Township, Grant County, SD (rural Summit). She was the daughter of Albert and Amanda (Quitsch) Krause. She attended country school near her home. She lived and worked for one year in Minneapolis, MN, then returned to South Dakota. She was united in marriage with Alfred Larson, of rural Summit, on

October 23, 1949, at Summit Lutheran Church.

Arlene and Alfred farmed together. She was a dedicated, hard-working wife and mother. Arlene milked cows by hand, plowed fields, hauled hay bales, drove truck next to the silage cutter, picked rocks, and did whatever else needed to be done. Arlene did all this while still caring for and raising their three children: Donna, Sandra, and Michael.

Arlene and Alfred were a team force within their home as well. Arlene was a gifted cook and baker, serving delicious meals. She washed the dishes and Alfred always dried them. Arlene grew a large vegetable garden and had a beautiful flower garden. She was well known for her incredibly delicious homemade buns, cookies, and cinnamon rolls. She raised chickens, and fresh eggs were always available. She took special delight when she received scratch tickets for her birthday. She and Alfred also loved to dance, and they attended dances as often as possible.

Arlene Larson is survived by three children: Donna (Harlan) Olson of Ortley, SD; Sandra (Charles) Gaikowski of Waubay, SD; and Michael (Sherrie) Larson of Summit, SD; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and one sister, JoAnn Boelkes of Clark, SD. She was preceded in death by her parents: Albert and Amanda; her husband in 2000, Alfred; five sisters: Esther, Alvina, Alice, Delores, and Mavis; four brothers: Clarence, Melvin, Lester, and Harold.

