

*Lorna* Louise (Krone) Pistorius, a beloved mother, grandmother, and great (great) grandmother was born on May 27, 1929, in Rural Grant Township, SD, Lorna exemplified a work ethic that few could match, having developed her determination from a young age while helping on the family farm and caring for her siblings. Lorna was confirmed in 1949 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Browns Valley, MN. In 1950, Lorna married Alvin Pistorius, also at Zion Lutheran Church in Browns Valley, MN. Their marriage was blessed with their son, Lynn and daughter, Arlene.

Lorna started her days early; 4:30 AM at the nursing home, where her compassion and dedication shone until her shift ended at 3 PM. After long hours of service, she would return to the family farm, where she found joy in driving the combine during harvest, working on her immaculate flower gardens, or lighting up the neighborhood with her stunning Christmas decorations. Her handiwork attracted sightseers from miles around. Lorna made a lasting impact, retiring from the same nursing home not once, but three times, a true indicator of her love for her work and those she served. Lorna took pride in her husband Alvin's military service, volunteering at the Sisseton (SD) VFW for many years, showing her strong spirit and commitment to community. In 2009, Lorna and Alvin retired and moved to Wahpeton to be closer to family.

Throughout her life, Lorna was undeniably proud of her family and took great pride in her role as a grandmother and great (great) grandmother. She adored her great-grandchildren - Brynlee and Karsen Heger, Shae and Teigyn O'Leary, Avery LaClaire, Jordan (Maddie), Jace, and Jaxen Pistorius - as well as her great, great-grandchild, Westyn Pistorius.

Lorna was known for her unique personality, characterized by her one-of-a-kind hairstyle, fashion choices, and her signature stiletto heels. Effortlessly breaking the mold, she left an indelible mark on all who knew her, demonstrating strength, grace, and a touch of sass.

She is survived by her son, Lynn (Marlene) Pistorius, and their children: Stacy (Tim) O'Leary, Tara (Andy) LaClaire, and Scot (Justine) Pistorius; her daughter, Arlene (Terry) Meyer, and their children, Kayla (Brad) Heger and Derek (Bailey) Meyer. Her sisters-in-law, Elaine Edwards and Sharon Pistorius.

Lorna was preceded in death by her beloved husband Alvin, her parents Henry and Emma, her sister Karen, and her brother Henry. These cherished souls who are now reunited in eternal rest.

As family and friends gather to celebrate her remarkable life, they will no doubt share laughter and tears, honoring the extraordinary woman who touched their lives in countless ways.

The legacy of Lorna Pistorius will live on in the hearts of all who loved her.



*Celebrating* THE *Life* OF



*Lorna Louise Pistorius*

1929 - 2025



# A Life Well Lived

She was clothed in strength and dignity,  
with hands that nurtured the earth  
and heart that nurtured her family.

Her love bloomed like the flowers she tended,  
and her spirit stood firm like the land she cherished.  
The farm was her home, the garden her sanctuary,  
a place where faith, love, and beauty grew side by side.

She walked with grace, worked with passion,  
and left footprints of wisdom, kindness, and devotion.  
Though she has left our sight, her roots remain,  
deep in the hearts of those who loved her most.

Written by Kayla Heger



“She is clothed with  
strength and dignity;  
she can laugh at the days to come.”

Proverbs 31:25

# Lorna Louise Pistorius



## Born

May 27, 1929 | Grant Township, South Dakota

## Passed Away

February 18, 2025 | West Fargo, North Dakota

## Age

95 Years | 8 Months | 22 Days

## Memorial Service

2:00 PM | Saturday, March 1, 2025  
Vertin-Munson Funeral Home | Wahpeton, North Dakota

## Clergy

Lay Pastor Laura Irion | Pastor Norman Anderson

## Organist

Liz Mumm

## Soloist

Karen Kreller

## Music

Solo - “The Lord’s Prayer” | “You Are My Sunshine”  
Congregational - “Jesus Loves Me” | “Abide With Me” - Insert

## Special Music - Recorded By Erin Krog

“Amazing Grace” | “Wind Beneath My Wings”

## Honorary Pallbearers

Lorna’s Great (Great) Grandchildren  
Brynlee | Karsen | Shae | Teigyn | Avery | Jordan | Jace | Jaxen | Westyn

## Pallbearers

Lorna’s Grandchildren  
Stacy O’Leary | Tara LaClaire | Scot Pistorius | Kayla Heger | Derek Meyer

## Interment at a Later Date

Sisseton Cemetery | Sisseton, South Dakota