



Celebrating THE *Life* OF
Bertha Larson

JANUARY 16, 1922 - DECEMBER 25, 2024

When I'm Gone

When I come to the end of my journey
And I travel my last weary mile
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned
And remember only the smile.
Forget unkind words I have spoken
Remember some good I have done.
Forget that I ever had heartache
And remember I've had loads of fun.
Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
And sometimes fell by the way.

Remember I have fought some hard battles
And won, at the close of the day.
Then forget to grieve for my going.
I would not have you sad for a day.
But in the summer just gather some flowers
And remember the place where I lay.
And come in the shade of the evening
When the sun paints the sky in the west,
Stand for a few moments beside me
And remember only my best.

Services At:

Kongsvinger Lutheran Church - Donnelly, Minnesota
Friday - January 3, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Reverend Rochelle Anderson

Readers:

Phil Dalseth
Gerald Loher

Musician:

Sue Erdahl-Nelson

Soloist:

Ken Hodgson

Honorary Pallbearers:

All of Bertha's Grandchildren,
Great-Grandchildren, and
Great-Great-Grandchildren

Interment:

Kongsvinger Lutheran Cemetery
Donnelly, Minnesota

Bertha Evaline Lois Leo was born on January 16, 1922, in Donnelly Township, Stevens County, Minnesota, to Robert and Luella (Wilts) Leo. She was a proud graduate of Herman High School. On March 16, 1941, Bertha was married to Arden Larson of Donnelly. They farmed and raised their six children near Donnelly. As Arden's retirement neared in the 1970's, they built a new home in Donnelly where Bertha lived until she moved into West Central Homes in Morris at the age of 98. In 2021, she moved to The Legacy in Morris where she lived until her death.

Bertha was a longtime member of Kongsvinger Lutheran Church and served on many committees and circles at the church as well as a member of KLCW and a Sunday school teacher. Bertha was also a 4-H leader for many years and volunteered at the Stevens County Hospital Gift Shop. She loved to travel and was the consummate shopper. Most of all, she cherished her family. Her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and the great-great-grandchildren brought her so much joy. Bertha will always be remembered for her homemade doughnuts.

Bertha died peacefully on Christmas morning, with family at her side. She was 102 years old.

Bertha is survived by her children: Donald (Algene) of Donnelly, Janice (Roger) Halverson of Minneapolis, Gayle (Phil) Dalseth of Mendota Heights, Jody (Jeff) Loher of Donnelly, and Jon (Bev) of Herman; daughter-in-law, Corrine (Larry) Larson of Moorhead; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Bertha was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Arden (d.1989); son, Elroy 'Butch' (d.2002); grandson, Steve Larson (d.2016); and one sister, Dorothy Jergenson and her husband, Alfred.



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