



Bernice Marie Andrews

December 30, 1926 - August 15, 2020

The Lord extended His hand to welcome a quiet, gentle woman who answered His call. Bernice Marie Niehaus Andrews, age 93, of Storm Lake, Iowa passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, Saturday August 15, 2020.

Funeral Mass will take place Friday, August 21, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will take place Thursday, August 20, 2020 from 4-6:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The family is requesting that masks be worn for the visitation and the funeral with social distancing encouraged. To watch the live stream of the funeral, please click the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89145859560>. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to the St. Mary's School Foundation at 312 Seneca St. Storm Lake, Iowa 50588. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Born on December 30, 1926, in Carroll County, Iowa, Bernice was the firstborn daughter of Marie (Reicks) Niehaus and Aloyious 'Louis' Niehaus. Two brothers and four sisters joined the family in the years that followed.

Bernie's Catholic education began with grade school in Maple River, Iowa. She celebrated her high school graduation from St. Angela's Academy, in

Carroll, Iowa. Her early employment included working as a receptionist in Dr. Ferlic's Medical Clinic where her duties included cleaning the office and often babysitting with his children. By the end of WWII, Bernie was working in the Retameier Drug Store. It was here that a very special friendship began with her future husband, Wayne, as he returned stateside and decided to drop by the drug store to thank Bernie for her friendly letters during his overseas duty.

Bernice Niehaus and Wayne Andrews were married on September 15, 1947, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Carroll, Iowa. Bernie began working as a cashier for Montgomery Wards at a time when Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer was first introduced. Wayne continued to hone his auto body repair skills at McCoy Motors.

In 1951, a better job opportunity for Wayne brought the young couple and their first of five daughters to Storm Lake. Bernie embraced being a stay at home mom raising five daughters, expertly sewing dresses for every occasion including proms and weddings, and instilling values of being faith filled, kind and thoughtful, resourceful and generous. Being raised in a musically talented family, Bernie valued music education for her daughters. As a young girl, Bernie played the cello. She surprised her daughters one Christmas by picking up a grandchild's new harmonica and serenading the family. Serving as a Girl Scout leader, preparing her scouts for the Marion Award, was an especially rewarding experience. Bernie practiced her artistry by hand tooling leather, painting ceramics, and fashioning her own clothing. These skills became valuable as her five daughters joined activities at St. Mary's School. Bernie participated in sewing countless costumes for the school's musical recitals and theater extravaganzas over the 30 plus years that the five Andrews girls danced, sang, acted, marched, and vaulted down the halls of St. Mary's.

Bernie enjoyed the opportunity to exercise her passion for accounting and her

organizational skills again when she partnered with her husband and became the bookkeeper for their business, Andrews Body Shop. Always willing to lend a hand, Bernie volunteered to help in the BVRMC Business Office. Still thinking that she was a volunteer, Bernie was very surprised when her boss suggested that they have a conversation about her salary. That conversation began Bernie's 12 years of employment as the BVRMC Business Office Manager.

Working with the community for the benefit of others was an essential activity in the Andrews' daily life. An active member of St. Mary's Parish and School, Bernie participated as a Lay Director, Guild President, CDA President, Eucharistic Minister, Good Samaritan Group, Choir member and Cantor. Many years of volunteering her time and her talents with the SOS (Support Our Schools) Thrift Store, BVRMC Hospital Auxiliary, the Girl Scouts, President of the Library Board, and Meals on Wheels enriched Bernie's life with a fulfilling relationship with her community and created many strong friendships. In 2013, Bernie and her husband Wayne received the Senior Volunteer of the Year Award presented by CommUNITY Education.

Preceding her in death include her parents, Marie and Louis Niehaus, her brothers, Donald and Merle, infant sister, Mary, in-laws, Otis and Rosella (Shea) Andrews, Dorothy (Andrews) and Max Schumacher, Otis Robert Jr. 'Bob' and Helena 'Sanny' (Santillan) Andrews, and a step great granddaughter, Stephanie Santor.

Left to cherish her memory include her husband, Wayne Andrews, daughters Barbara (Jerry) Rathke of Homer Glen IL, Jane (Gus) Erickson of Bellevue NE, Mary Beth (Mick) Polich, of Storm Lake IA, Patricia (Joe) Zielinski of Prescott, AZ, Amy (Dan) Hurley of Denver CO, 8 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren, 3 sisters, Rosemarie (Les)

Butler, Letha (Larry) Gillis, Leota Ryan, sister in law Mary (Wolfe) Niehaus, and many dear nieces and nephews, and a multitude of friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **20**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake

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Funeral Mass

AUG **21**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St Marys

320 Seneca St

Storm Lake, IA 50588

(712) 732-3110

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernice Marie Andrews*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 20, 2020 at 01:18 PM

BC

“ *What a marvelous woman and neighbor. I fondly remember her support and good humor. She and her family were a special part of my childhood. She and Wayne were long time friends of my parents, Barney and Georgia Campbell. Rest in peace Bernie.*

Bruce Campbell - October 05, 2020 at 10:50 PM

LS

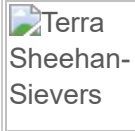
“ *Bernie was our neighbor and my mother's friend in the early 1960's. She was a beautiful person inside and out. We lived across the alley for about three years Darlene Clark was my mother. I was Linda Clark. As I recall she was a great cook too. My sympathies to all of you. Mom has been gone nearly 6 years now.*

Linda Clark Douglas Seay - August 31, 2020 at 08:29 PM

PT

“ *My sympathy and prayers are with you. I will miss seeing Bernie's smiling face at Mass. God bless.*

Pam Tidemann - August 24, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ *Terra Sheehan-Sievers lit a candle in memory of Bernice Marie Andrews*



Terra Sheehan-Sievers - August 22, 2020 at 05:10 PM



“ *Terra Sheehan-Sievers sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernice Marie Andrews*



Terra Sheehan-Sievers - August 22, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ *My Sympathy to the family & friends of Bernice*

Doyle Engbretson - August 22, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Mass Recording*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 21, 2020 at 01:51 PM



*I love it.
Wayne*

Wayne Andrews - September 10, 2020 at 05:48 PM



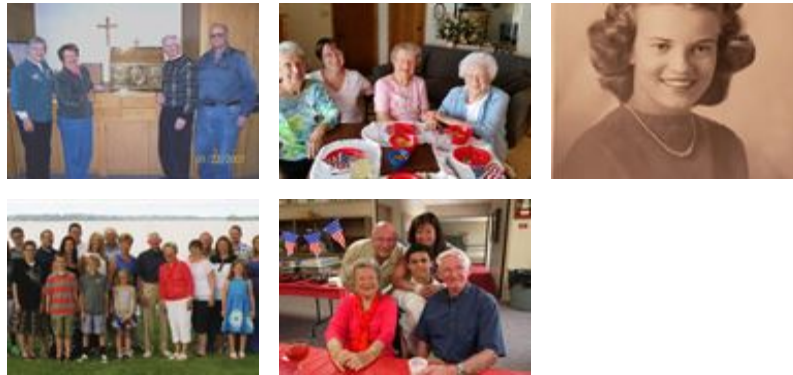
“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Bernice Marie Andrews.*



August 20, 2020 at 02:10 PM



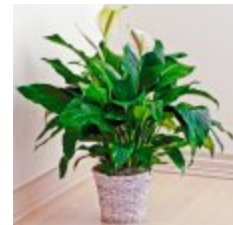
“ *154 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 20, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Bernice Marie Andrews.*



August 19, 2020 at 09:39 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - August 19, 2020 at 11:01 AM

AS

“ Ann Updegraff Spleth, KCF Board & KCF Staff. purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Bernice Marie Andrews.



Ann Updegraff Spleth, KCF Board & KCF Staff. - August 19, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Bernice Marie Andrews.



August 19, 2020 at 09:47 AM

EC

“ Elaine Cummings-Bullard lit a candle in memory of Bernice Marie Andrews



Elaine Cummings-Bullard - August 19, 2020 at 08:52 AM

DN

“ *When We first started dating, I was overwhelmed with the amount of family Chris had. Aunt Bernie was the first one I remember making me feel welcome and accepted! Such a wonderful, kind, sweet woman, we will miss her until we meet again. Our sympathy & prayers to Uncle Wayne and family. Chris & Diana Niehaus*



Diana Niehaus - August 19, 2020 at 07:53 AM

BB

“ *While I never met Bernice, I feel like this know her from the many family photos daughter Jane has posted on Facebook for Kiwanis members to see. It is obvious that her creative talent and passion for community betterment were handed down to her daughters. Norma and I are hoping that so many fond memories help ease the family's sorrow and grief.*

Brad & Norma Boyd - August 19, 2020 at 01:33 AM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Bernice Marie Andrews.*



August 19, 2020 at 12:01 AM

JS

“ *Joleen Schultz sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernice Marie Andrews*



Joleen Schultz - August 18, 2020 at 03:14 PM

NK

“ *Always loved visiting with Bernie. Miss those times of visiting when our husbands were doing their thing with the KC's. Miss you.*
Nancy Knight

Nancy Knight - August 18, 2020 at 01:25 PM

MK

“ *Mike & Nancy Knight lit a candle in memory of Bernice Marie Andrews*



Mike & Nancy Knight - August 18, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Bernice Marie Andrews.*



August 18, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Bernice Marie Andrews.



August 18, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ *Amy Schlafer lit a candle in memory of Bernice Marie Andrews*



Amy Schlafer - August 18, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ *Michelle Munoz lit a candle in memory of Bernice Marie Andrews*



Michelle Munoz - August 18, 2020 at 09:18 AM



“ *Bev Reis lit a candle in memory of Bernice Marie Andrews*



Bev Reis - August 18, 2020 at 06:58 AM

LH

“ *Laura (Hahn) Hanna lit a candle in memory of Bernice Marie Andrews*



Laura (Hahn) Hanna - August 17, 2020 at 08:21 PM

DB

“ *Prayers and thoughts to Jane, her father, her siblings and her family on the loss of her mother.*

Dennis and Darlene Baugh

Dennis Baugh - August 17, 2020 at 04:28 PM

TC

“ *Wayne and family.....we are sorry you had to say goodbye to Bernie. For a small lady , she was a force of nature. She was a go-er and a do-er. When someone as involved as she was in so many organizations and events is gone she is missed by many....but will be remembered by many, also. God Bless and welcome Bernie.*

Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - August 17, 2020 at 01:04 PM

TM

“ *Tammy Miller lit a candle in memory of Bernice Marie Andrews*



Tammy Miller - August 17, 2020 at 12:13 PM

MO

“ *What an amazing lady! I will miss her!*

Marjean O'Bannon - August 17, 2020 at 10:35 AM

MO

“ *Marjean O'Bannon lit a candle in memory of Bernice Marie Andrews*



Marjean O'Bannon - August 17, 2020 at 10:35 AM

KM

“ *Wayne and girls,
Kevin and I are very sorry for your loss.
Bernie was one very special person. We
always enjoyed spending time with you at KC
events. Even as the years passed, Bernie
would keep up with most of us; sometimes shopping, sometimes just
in communication or visiting. We loved listening to Bernie and her
many stories, most of them about you girls. She will truly be missed
by all who knew her. Keeping you all in our prayers.*



Kevin & Julie McKinney

Kevin & Julie McKinney - August 16, 2020 at 10:05 PM

PG

“ TO WAYNE & ALL YOUR FAMILY,

OUR PRAYERS & HEARTFELT SYMPATHY
TO ALL OF YOU IN THE LOSS OF YOUR
WIFE & MOTHER. YOU KNOW THAT SHE
NOW RESTS IN HER HEAVENLY HOME WITH GOD & ALL THE
ANGELS. PEACE TO ALL.



LOVE, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE

PATTY GUNVILLE - August 16, 2020 at 05:38 PM

RI

“ Roger And Caron lehl sent a virtual gift in
memory of Bernice Marie Andrews



Roger and Caron lehl - August 16, 2020 at 05:23 PM

JC

“ Jeff/Jean Chindlund sent a virtual gift in
memory of Bernice Marie Andrews



Jeff/Jean Chindlund - August 16, 2020 at 04:23 PM