



Bernice Grau

September 11, 1923 - September 8, 2015

Bernice L. Grau, age 91, of Sun Lakes, Arizona formerly of Newell and Storm Lake, Iowa passed peacefully on September 8, 2015 in Chandler, Arizona. She joined her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the angels, and the communion of Saints (her parents, Herman and Edna Bumann; her brother, Arlin Bumann; her sister, Irene Johnson; and her daughter-in-law, Cheryl Grau; as well as friends and loved ones) who went before her.

Funeral services will be held Monday, September 14, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Nain Lutheran Church in Newell, Iowa. Burial will follow in the Newell Cemetery. Visitation will take place Sunday, September 13, 2015 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Leo Grau; children: Sharon (Thurman) Gilbert of Sun Lakes, Arizona; Carmen (Barry) Miller of Sun Lakes, Arizona; Tom Grau of Newell, Iowa; two grandchildren: Justin Gilbert of Chandler, Arizona and Michelle (Tyler) Hendricks of Des Moines, Iowa.

Bernice was born and raised in Hanover and Alta, Iowa. After high school she went to business school in Omaha and then worked for a period of time at Citizens Bank in Storm Lake. She met her husband, Leo, at the Cobblestone

Inn Ballroom and later married.

Together, they farmed north of Newell for many years. Eventually, they wintered in Arizona and became full time residents in 2008.

In 2015, they celebrated 70 years of marriage with their children and Arizona friends. Bernice was known for loving her husband, church, family, and friends. She enjoyed people and over the years taught Sunday school, was an active NCN club member, golfed, and made many friends as an Amway Distributor. Bernice's love for life was evident each day in her positive, beautiful, caring, and giving spirit.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Cemetery Details

Newell Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **13**. 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Service

SEP **14**. 2:00 PM (CT)

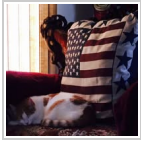
Nain Lutheran Church -- Newell
Newell, IA 50568

Interment

SEP **14** (CT)

Newell Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Suana Wessendorf lit a candle in memory of Bernice Grau*



Suana Wessendorf - October 18, 2015 at 10:56 AM

BB

“ *My deepest sympathies to you, Tom and the rest of Bernice's family in your loss.*

Becky Braesch

becky Braesch - September 14, 2015 at 07:50 AM

SB

“ *Sandy Byra & John Bourque purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Bernice Grau.*



Sandy Byra & John Bourque - September 13, 2015 at 02:47 PM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - September 13, 2015 at 11:39 AM

MR

“ *Rest in Peace Aunt Bern*



Mark Rednbaugh - September 11, 2015 at 02:48 PM



“ *Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Bernice Grau.*



September 11, 2015 at 01:09 PM

LM

“ *I was deeply saddened to hear of Bernice's passing. I'll always remember her warmly and feel fortunate that I had the pleasure of knowing her. My heart goes out to you and your family.*
Linda Miller

Linda Miller - September 11, 2015 at 07:58 AM

LJ

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Bernice. Leo and Bernice lived next door while I was growing up and I have a lot of fond memories of them. RIP Bernice.*

Lori Johnson - September 10, 2015 at 02:28 PM

JW

“ *So sorry to hear. I have many fond memories of growing up next to Leo and Bernice. I will be keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Julie Wilson - September 10, 2015 at 12:38 PM