



Elaine D. Barsness

April 19, 1924 - August 22, 2019

Elaine Barsness, 95, of Iowa Falls, passed away Thursday, August 22, 2019 at Scenic Manor. Memorial mass will be 11:00 AM Friday, September 6, 2019 at the St. Mark Catholic Church in Iowa Falls. Visitation will be from 9:30 AM until service time on Friday at the church. She will be laid to rest with a graveside service at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at the Salem Memorial Cemetery in Lake Mills, Iowa. Woodley Funeral Home, LLC of Iowa Falls is caring for Lannie and her family.

Elaine "Lannie" (Hebel) Barsness was born on April 19, 1924 on a farm near Kiester, Minnesota to Ferdinand and Helen (Yezek) Hebel. She was the second youngest of ten children. Lannie graduated from high school at Holy Family School in Mason City, Iowa. She went on to attend and graduate from Hamilton School of Commerce in Mason City. On July 2, 1949 Lannie was united in marriage to Norman Barsness in Manly, Iowa.

Following moves from Mason City to Fremont, Nebraska and Waterloo, Iowa, Lannie, Norm and family found their way to Lake Mills, Iowa. After a few years of being a "stay at home mom" Lannie went back to work as a legal secretary at the Sarno Law Firm in Lake Mills. She remained at the law firm until her retirement in 1986.

After retirement, Lannie enjoyed quilting, crocheting and making pillowcase

dolls from a pattern she designed herself. She was active at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lake Mills. She served as a lector and communion minister as well as on various church committees. Lannie enjoyed playing Bridge with her friends. She loved having them at her home or meeting them at Rice Lake Country Club in Lake Mills. In addition to Bridge, Lannie's noon hour gin rummy games with Norm were epic and often ended with Norm on the losing end, although he never liked to admit it. She lived in Lake Mills for forty-five years and loved her time there. In 2008 Lannie moved to Scenic Living Communities in Iowa Falls where she enjoyed many more years of happiness with new friends and family.

Elaine Barsness is survived by her son, Jim (Kathy) Barsness of Iowa Falls, Iowa; her daughter, Mary Jo (Marty) Purdham of Tucson, Arizona; grandchildren: Lindsay (Nick) Pingel, Erin (Brent) Gangestad, Scott (Amy) Barsness, Megan (Jason) Feiferluck and Gale (Jared) Deskin; great grandchildren: Ella, Brody, Heidi, Michael, Liam and Henry. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; brothers, Clement Hebel and Francis Hebel; sisters: Genevieve Johnson, Gladys Woldum, Gertrude Jennish, Isabelle Scurlock, Rosalie Cornelius, Geraldine Grant and Delores Mathahs.

The family would like to thank the staff at Scenic Manor for the great care they provided to Lannie during her final days; in particular, Tanya, Ang, Alex and Starla. Also, a special thank you to Care Initiatives Hospice for their care.

Cemetery Details

Salem Lutheran Cemetery

Lake Mills, IA 50450

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark Catholic Church
415 Main St
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Service

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Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Burial

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Salem Lutheran Cemetery
Lake Mills, IA 50450

Tribute Wall

RH

“ Richard Hanson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elaine D. Barsness.



Richard Hanson - September 04, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elaine D. Barsness.



September 03, 2019 at 08:24 PM

MJ

“ Our Aunt Elaine and Norm's son Jim was our ring bearer in our wedding. I will never forget their generosity. They offered us their home in Waterloo, Iowa, when we were headed for New Orleans, La on our honeymoon. We did take them up on that offer. We will miss her always.

Mary Jenkins - August 30, 2019 at 12:13 PM

MF

“ Aunt Lanny was a very loving person who I will always remember during family celebration during the Holidays..and visits. You will be missed but my memories of you will never be forgotten. God bless you on your new journey!

Mark & Ellen Felix - August 27, 2019 at 10:24 PM

MA

We plan to be there for the visitation and service!

Mark - August 27, 2019 at 10:27 PM

RJ

Bob and I have fond memories of time spent together at her home in Lake Mills Iowa. She was a good cook. We always enjoyed her Turkey dinners. She loved her crafts and made lovely dolls. She had a strong faith in life which in death has helped her attain glory. We will think of her often but know she is seeing her Savior now face to face.

Rev.Robert Burmeister and Jane - August 29, 2019 at 08:07 PM

SL

My Auntie always knew she was my favorite. She was my sponsor when I was confirmed. Being the oldest of 6 children I got to spend a few days now and then with Norm and Elaine in their early married years. They always made me feel so very important. When Elaine and I would send letters or have phone conversations, we always had a different number that we used that very day. The number, be it - 783/1021 or you name it, meant our love for each other that specific day. I miss her now and always will and I can see her in heaven this very moment, looking directly at her niece with a big smile on her face.

Shirley Hebel Lindgren - September 02, 2019 at 05:36 PM