



Alberta Klein

May 30, 1938 - November 5, 2009

Alberta “Birdie” May Klein, 71, Bismarck, passed from earth into Heaven, at St. Vincent’s Care Center, Bismarck, on November 5, 2009. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:00 am, Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at Church of Corpus Christi, Bismarck, with Rev. Paul Becker as celebrant. Burial will be at St. Mary’s Cemetery. Following burial, the family invites you to join them at the church for fellowship and lunch. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. at St. Vincent’s Care Center and Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a rosary/vigil service will be held Monday night at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Tuesday, one hour prior to the service at the church. Alberta was born May 30, 1938, in Elbowoods, ND. She was the first of eight children born to Albert and Linda Weidner Keller. She graduated from Dodge High School in 1956 where she was the class valedictorian, and received a scholarship to attend Jamestown College. After receiving her degree, she worked at Q&R Clinic in Bismarck. On February 29, 1960, Alberta married Leo Klein Jr., in St. Martin’s Church, rural Dodge, ND. They first lived in Bismarck, and then in 1961, following her husband’s highway construction career, Alberta and her family moved to various locations in North Dakota, including Fargo where she worked at KFGO radio, until finally settling back in Bismarck in 1973 to raise their family. In 1978, Leo and Alberta started their own business called Big Valley Gravel. Later their sons became partners in the business that later became Pioneer Construction. As a young girl, Alberta loved to ride

horses. Throughout her life she sang and played musical instruments including the accordion and piano. Among her favorite hobbies, she loved to shop for antiques. She also enjoyed ceramics and other crafts. She liked taking long drives and trips with her family. Alberta was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Her love was infectious and her captivating smile could light up a room. Alberta was a selfless person. She lived through many personal trials, but she placed other people's concerns before her own. Alberta is survived by her husband, Leo Klein Jr.; four sons, James, Marc, Thomas Rhea, and William Yvonne, all of Bismarck; twelve grandchildren and step-grandchildren; her sisters, Judy Erker, Beulah, and Rachel Steven Horning, Zap; and her brothers, Larry Keller, Dodge, Ralph Cathy Keller, Austin, TX, and William Keller, New Salem. She will be welcomed into Heaven by her daughter, Teresa; her parents; her brother, David; and her sister, Linda "Tootsie" Walsh. Flowers are welcome, but any memorials received will be used for the Alberta and Teresa Klein Memorial Foundation.

Tribute Wall

JK

“ Leo & Family, There are no words to say at a time like this except that are thoughts and prayers are with you. I am so sorry that I cannot be with you on a day like this. I will always remember Bertie for many great things, especially her awesome smile she always gave me. Rest well Bertie. Love Judy,

Judy Keller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ Thank everyone who involved themselves with my Mom. She loved her friends, family and the people who helped her through her life. I can tell you that through my experiences with my mom, she really appreciated the love, courtesy, and the affection that was given to her, no matter how small it may have been. Just a, "hey Birdie, how are you doing today?", could make her day because someone cared to ask how she felt. That was how truly humble my Mom was. This is how she was as a child, a young women, and in her later years. She will look down from Heaven and pray for all of us. She will remember in her heart all of the special acts of kindness you and others have done for her. Thank you for all that you have done.

William Klein - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Just wanted to let you know how much I will miss Alberta, we had many good times together while she stayed with us at St. Vincent's. She was a good friend to me.

Rhonda Sayler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Leo, Jim, Marc, Tom, Bill, Liz, and everyone else in this wonderful family - I am sorry for your loss. The only silver lining is that Birdie is now on the other side with her precious daughter. I think of you all often and think of my dear friend Teresa every single day. My heart is with you at this time.

Sandra Bercier - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VV

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Alberta. May God help you through this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Vickie Vogel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Becky & Tim

Becky and Tim Volk - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Leo & Family, I know that nothing I say will mend the heart, but I am terribly sorry for your loss...we were very lucky to have you guys as next door neighbors for 12 years!! I remember trick or treating over there every year & Alberta would be right by the door waiting for us kids with a big smile on her face! If there is anything you guys need or that I can do, please do not hesitate to call...again I am very sorry for your loss. Time will heal & memories will last forever!! All of my love to you!!

Kelley RichterMelander - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ so sorry for your loss, Leo....you are in my thoughts....Birdie was a good friend back in high school days. I have many fond memories of our time spent together.

peggy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM