



## Arlene Larson

March 2, 1928 - April 23, 2009

Arlene A. Larson, 81, Bismarck, died April 23, 2009 at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center, Bismarck. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck, with Rev. Nate Keith and Rev. Dale Nabben officiating. Interment will be held at 3:00 pm Friday at the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery, Mandan. There will be a visitation and gathering, from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm Friday, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. Arlene was born March 2, 1928, in McGrath, MN, the daughter of Amos and Agnes Andersen Henninger. Her father worked for the Soo Line Railroad and their family lived in various communities. When in Bismarck, Arlene loved her friends and when her family moved away when she was a junior in high school, she continued to live in Bismarck and graduated with the class of '46. Arlene worked as Governor Aandahl's personal secretary, until she married Ray Larson on February 19, 1950, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck. Arlene began working at Trinity Lutheran Church part-time in 1957 and retired as office manager in 1990 after 33 years of service at the church. Her recent years were spent as a resident of Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center, with her husband, Ray, a constant companion, lovingly caring for her. Arlene was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, the Sons of Norway, and the P.E.O. Arlene and Ray shared a long, faithful marriage of loving devotion. Together, they created a beautiful legacy reflecting faith, joy, forgiveness, and commitment for their family. They shared several wonderful family vacations in Hawaii and traveling to Norway together.

She loved a good joke and laughing with her family and friends. She had a rich circle of life-long friends who were a daily treasure to her. Above all, her grandchildren were the most precious blessings in her life. She is survived by her husband, Ray; her son, Ryan Betsy, Seattle, WA; her daughters, Rhonda Paul Berg, Hutchinson, MN, and Lori Mark LaBere, Ft. Collins, CO; her grandchildren, Britta Larson, Bjorn Libby Berg, Leif Berg, Greta Berg, Lars LaBere, Thea LaBere, Stefan LaBere, and Rikka LaBere. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Robert Henninger; and her sisters, Carol Popp and Helen White. Memorials may be given to the Alzheimer's Association of North Dakota.

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ Ray, Lori & Family, We are sorry for your loss. Your wife, mom was truly a gem! I have fond memories of our Demonette Moms as they created goods for a yet another bake sale or helped us get ready before competitions. Lori, your mom was always there to make each of us feel that we'd performed perfectly! Ironically, as I read her obituary this evening, I'm actually attending the WI Alzheimers Conference. Please know that I'll continue to advocate for others in health situations similar to your moms. I'm saddened by the losses you experienced but hope the memories you shared will fill your hearts with her love in the days ahead. God Bless Joni Nygard-Heggestad & Family

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**Joni Nygard & Tim Heggestad & Daniela** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ I remember what a fun sense of humor Arlene had. She would dress up at Halloween with Audie and play tricks on my Step Father Edgar Johnson. One year Ed decided to play a trick on them and borrowed my Huntchback of Notre Dame costume and a car that they would not recognize as his. He drove over to their houses and rang the doorbell and gave them a bit of a fright. Arlene loved the fact that Ed had finally played a trick on them and laughed about it for years. Arlene was such a fun and joyful person. May you all take comfort in your memories of her. God Bless

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**Kent Jensen** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ We are so sorry to hear of Arlene's death. We have many fond memories of her from when we would visit Bismarck. We will keep her and all of you, her family, in our prayers. Ray, we will see you when we are in ND this summer. Love, Steve and Sharon

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**Steve and Sharon Olson** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you all at this difficult time. My memories are filled with loving and kind thoughts of Arlene--always a gentle spoken word of support when needed. I lost both my parents within a few yrs of each other and even though there had been distance between my father and I it still was difficult. God Bless and keep you all in his tender care now and always.

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**Julie Harry Hoiby-Kuhn** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ I absolutely LOVED her smile. I could tell her passion was her grandchildren. She "glowed" when they were around. Arlene enriched many lives while here on earth. She will enrich many more in heaven! I am so happy she is dancing and singing while praising her Lord :

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**Cindy LaBere** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ I can only imagine the open welcoming arms awaiting your mom/grandma. I'm so sure there is a huge party going on right now in heaven. : My heart breaks for you and your loss, but rejoices just knowing the heavenly welcome Arlene is experiencing with family and friends. You have been the most wonderful, caring, devoted family and I am in awe of you. Your mom was truly blessed by you, and she was such a blessing to others. You are all in our hearts and our prayers. Love, Pam

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**Pam Peske** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM