



Bertha M Pifer

August 20, 1931 - June 8, 2011

Bertha Pifer, 79, Bismarck, died June 8, 2011, at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center, Bismarck. Services will be held at 10:00 am Monday, June 13, at Cornerstone Community Wesleyan Church, Bismarck, with Rev. Keith Ritchie and Shelly Pifer officiating. Burial will be in Moffit Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 1:00 pm until 8:00 pm Sunday, June 12, at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck, and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Bertha Marie was born August 20, 1931, near Moffit, ND, the daughter of Homer and Inez Driver-Dutton Andrews. She was raised on the family farm and received her education in Bismarck, where she graduated from Bismarck High School in 1949. She attended Dickinson State College and Bismarck State College and taught school for three years in Telfer and Morton Township. On May 31, 1952, she married Clarence Eugene Pifer, Sr. in Moffit. She worked for Provident Life Insurance Co. for three years after which time she and Clarence started a family and she became a homemaker for 27 years. Once her children were raised, Bertha went to work for Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center for 20 years. Bertha was a member of Cornerstone Community Wesleyan Church; she served as a Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School teacher, Y.M.W.B. Superintendent, board member, Missionary President, Vice-President, and Secretary. She was also Sunday School Treasurer and teacher of Christian Youth Crusaders. In her leisure time, Bertha enjoyed reading and sewing. For the past six years, Bertha has been a resident at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center. Bertha

was dearly loved and will be deeply missed by her family and many good friends. She is survived by her three sons and daughters-in-law: William H. and Cora Pifer, Moffit, ND, and their children, Brandon Susan Pifer, Pocatello, ID, and Carly Pifer, St. Cloud, MN; Charles H. and Shelly Pifer and their children, Katie Bryan Stramer and their daughter, Olivia, and Daniel Erika Pifer, all of Bismarck, ND; and Clarence E. and Lisa Pifer and their children, Dakota and her son, Ashton, Forrest, Bailey and Jayden Pifer, all of Bismarck, ND. Bertha is also survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Barbara K. and Vern Hoover and their daughter, Verna, of Bismarck, ND; and many cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband Clarence in 1979.

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ I have many really sweet memories of Bertha...she was such a special lady and a dear cousin. But I do believe my favorite memory is of the time she spanked Bill and me for going to the park without permission. We were pretty young at the time. I couldn't believe she spanked me too! Bill, yes...but me?? Of course I laugh about it now...and yes...that spanking was warranted; and...we didn't do it again! She was a wonderful lady. I cherish the memories. You are all in my thoughts during this difficult time. God bless you.

Mary Lynn Johnson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Last week when I spent my last hours with my grandma, she was smiling her eyes at us all. With all her loved ones around her, she looked around at all of our faces, taking it all in. Even up to her last days, she looked beautiful. The last thing I heard her say to my dad, " I love you all". It wasn't easy to say much, but she said what mattered. I wish I could have said more to her, I could barely squeak out what I did, cryin so much. I get my soft heartedness from my dad: I miss grandma incredibly, she made a huge impact on my life, she was my second mother, helping raise me while my mom went to nursing school. Bertha is home now, where we will all join her, I hope in heaven people are making cookies and potatoe salad!

Carly pifer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Clarence, my sympathy for your loss of your beloved mother. God grant you peace.

Sandi Barbie - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ *Faye Beard Loehlein & Lyle Bertha always had thoughtful ways we'll treasure so, and the times she cared. The comfort and advice she shared. Bertha will always be a part of all we hold so close in heart more than words even show. With the memories cherished and hope within the promise of tomorrow. With Sympathy in your loss*

Faye Beard Loehlein & Lyle - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *Cora and family, No words can express how sorry we are to hear of your loss of your mother, grandma and friend. I never met her but heard of nothing but great things about her. Our thoughts are with all of you at this difficult time in your life.*

Chris and Aleshia Emineth - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *Just wanted to express our condolences to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Gary J. and Dennis Calheim*

Gary J. Calheim - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ *I am sorry for your loss. Bertha was an amazing lady that I had the privilege of getting to know while working at Missouri Slope. She was very kind hearted and had a wonderful smile. I will miss her dearly.*

Bonnie - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *our thoughts and prayers are with you*

bob and esther beard - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Amazing lady among us. God bless you all with His comforting Spirit.*

Beth Hoover - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Larry and Carol*

Larry & Carol Dutton - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *We were sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

Randy, Robyn and Sierra Andrews - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM