



Mary Lorraine Blomgren

May 11, 1921 - October 12, 2010

Mary Lorraine Blomgren, 89, Bismarck, died October 12, 2010, at the Benedictine Living Center in Garrison, ND. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm Sunday, October 31, 2010, at First Presbyterian Church, Mandan, with Rev. Deanna Reikow officiating. There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. Lorraine was born May 11, 1921, in Chicago, IL, the daughter of Theodore Bernard and Mabel Seabrook Lehmann. She was raised and educated in Chicago. In 1951, she moved to Michigan. On June 29, 1957, Lorraine married Robert Blomgren. They lived in New York, North Carolina, and in July of 1974, moved to Bismarck, ND, where Lorraine was employed as a bookkeeper at the Village Inn Pancake House until her retirement in 1986. Robert died in Bismarck on May 24, 1984. Lorraine was an active member of Mandan's First Presbyterian Church. She served as moderator for the church women for three years and was conferred an honorary life membership by the Presbyterian Church USA for volunteer work. She was past chairperson for Circle 1, and sang in the church choir. Lorraine belonged to PEO Sisterhood Chapter H in Mandan, and was the Social Club President at Patterson Place for many years. She also held membership with the American Legion Auxiliary Post #1 and served as past-president for VFW Auxiliary Post #1326 in Bismarck. She was past VFW State Chairman for National Home for Children and received the National Home Award from the Department of North Dakota for outstanding goal achievement in 1996-1997. Lorraine loved to travel. She visited many of the USA states and also toured

Germany and Ireland. She enjoyed bowling and golfing in her younger years, music, and playing cards. Lorraine is survived by five nephews and their wives, Jeffrey and Karol Blomgren, FL, Alan and Virginia Blomgren, TX, Rick and Jan Blomgren, NC, Cratis and Kathy McLaughlin, MI, and Jerry and Christy McLaughlin, Germany; and many good friends. Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; her brother, Albert Lehmann; her parents; two sisters-in-law, Joyce Lehmann and Carol Kolberg.

Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Lorraine and Bob when I was working at the power plant in Center, ND. Lorraine and Bob were working for our company as accountants completing billings, payroll, and all other financial matters concerning our project. We became great friends and I even spent some time living with them in their Brooklyn Heights, NY apartment after they moved when the project was completed. That was when Bob had his by-pass surgery. Lorraine has been my dear friend for over 35 years and I have some very funny and fond memories of the times we spent together. She will be greatly missed as she spread sunshine wherever she went.

Pete La Pierre - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lorraine has been a friend since I met her through my husband, Pete, 28 years ago. We have very fond memories of such a good friend, that always included stopping to visit us in Nevada when she was going to Calif. to see her other dear friends. The last time I saw Lorraine was around 7 years ago. The one place she wanted me to take her to was the Liberace museum: her wish was my command, off we went. We were always happy to see her and welcome her into our home and we always had great memories of her visits. When the Liberace museum closed in the past year, Lorraine was the first person I thought of and the great fun she and I had that day. She never forgot our birthdays and we always looked forward to getting her Christmas letter. Although she is gone, she is not forgotten, she has made a mark on my heart. She will be missed

Janie La Pierre - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I have such fond memories of "Aunt Lorraine" as I called her. She and my mother, Helen Landes, were great friends. My memories go back to when I was just a little girl. Visiting "Uncle Bob and Aunt Lorraine's" house was always a special treat. Lots of stories were passed down from my Mom from their days in the choir at the church in Sawyer. I'm happy to say we kept in touch into my adult days and she even came to visit us here in Plainwell. She loved the boat ride we took here on Pine Lake. She was a great lady and I will remember her always.

JoAnne Beertema - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM