



Frances J. "Jane" Witt

January 4, 1923 - January 30, 2022

NORFOLK – Funeral service for Frances “Jane” Witt, 99, of Norfolk formerly of Winside, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 4, 2022 at the Our Savior Lutheran Church in Norfolk with Pastor Lee Weander officiating. Interment will be held at the Pleasant View Cemetery, rural Winside. Visitation will begin one hour prior to the service on Friday also at the church. Jane passed away Sunday, January 30, 2022 at the St. Joseph’s Care Center in Norfolk. The family asks that memorials be made to Lutheran High Northeast, 2010 N 37th St, Norfolk, NE 68701. The service will be live-streamed at <https://vimeo.com/672134970>. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Frances “Jane” Witt was born on January 4, 1923 in Norfolk, Nebraska to August H. and Greta B. (Boeck) Kell. She was baptized and confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church, Norfolk. She was raised in Norfolk and graduated from Norfolk Senior High School in 1941. She then attended Lindenwood College in St. Charles, MO. She married Clarence “C.O.” Witt on February 16, 1947 at Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk. Jane and C.O. moved to Winside in 1948 where they raised their 3 children. Together they owned and operated Witt’s Cafe for 40 years. They retired to Norfolk after selling the café in 1989. Jane was employed in the business office at Northwestern Bell Telephone Company retiring in 1985.

Jane was an avid bridge player belonging to numerous bridge clubs “Oh the thrill of a Grand Slam or seven no trump!” She was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Norfolk, Our Savior LWML (serving as President and Treasurer), American Legion Auxiliary since 1936, VFW Auxiliary, and was a Gold Star Mother since 1969. She volunteered at Faith Regional Health Services (serving as Treasurer for several years). She enjoyed vegetable gardening and had exceptional baking and cooking skills. Jane’s kitchen was her domain, and her greatest joy was serving and sharing the bounty of her kitchen with her family and friends. There was always room for one more at her table.

Jane is survived by her son David (Lee Ann) Witt of Scottsdale, Arizona, daughter Jane (Jim) Amen of Lincoln, 5 granddaughters, and 7 great grandchildren. She was preceded in

death by her parents August and Greta Kell, son Mark Witt (killed in Vietnam), and husband Clarence "C.O." Witt. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant View Cemetery

Winside, NE

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Frances J. "Jane" Witt*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - February 02 at 05:33 PM

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“ *Jane was the most determined lady I have ever met, she was so determined to remain as independent as possible for as long as possible. I loved how she would spend time each morning doing her devotion and reading her Bible. She is a true testament of love and devotion, and the wonderful family pics are an example of that. To her family, thank you for sharing her with us! I will miss her dearly, she was a true friend!*

Ann Zimmerman - February 03 at 07:08 PM

CA

“ Having lived next door to Jane since 1990, there are too many memories to share in this space. She will always hold a special place in our family. Jane was always informed of the current events and we had many lively discussions over the years. A lifelong Roosevelt Democrat, she held some pretty conservative views. Her passion for her faith never waivered and she put in many, many hours volunteering for the church and Faith Regional Guild. Jane willingly became our daughter’s “neighborhood granny”, filling in for events at school whenever needed and taught her the secrets to an excellent pie crust! She loved to entertain and we will cherish all of the dinners we shared in her kitchen. Now, for those of us who had the distinct “honor” of riding in the car as Jane drove, we’ve had some interesting experiences. Jane loved trying to drive through Eldorado and up to her house without ever using the brakes! For those who remember studded snow tires, Jane could put them to good use. On one icy occasion, Jane backed into the driveway of a neighbor at the bottom of the hill. She floored “Old Lizzy” and as the sparks flew from those studs, she left two grooves all the way up the hill and into her driveway! For many years, it looked like the space shuttle had launched up the hill! Jane’s long driveway was the gathering place for many neighborhood picnics. Quite a few kids learned to ride their bikes there as well. Some teenagers also learned not to mess with Jane. In the middle of the night, she heard some boys in her driveway about to vandalize her property. She hollered at them, called the police and they were apprehended. Afterward, she proudly wore the jacket she received the following Christmas with “SECURITY” emblazoned on the back. We extend our sincere sympathies to all of Jane’s family. She will be sorely missed by all of us who knew her.

Colin Andrews - February 03 at 05:31 PM

PN

“ I worked with Jane at Tele Co she was a dear person. A ‘Spitfire’ so much fun.
RIP
Paulette Nitz

Paulette Nitz - February 02 at 07:53 PM



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Jim Amen - February 02 at 04:02 PM



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“ We have many fond memories of CO & Jane; especially those pies!! They even volunteered to sit with the kids upstairs when we sang in choir for church services, which makes them brave & special in my eyes!! A long life well lived; my sympathy, Dave & Jane. Pat Meierhenry



Pat Meierhenry - January 31 at 09:59 PM

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“ I worked with Jane at the old Northwestern Bell. She had a wonderful sense of humor and was fun to work with. She shared lots of words of wisdom. My sympathy to Jane's family and friends. Thank you for posting the nice pictures of all of you with her. It must have brought her joy to know how much she was loved.

Sherry Praeuner - January 31 at 09:27 PM



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“ I first met Jane when I volunteered to work in the Food Pantry when she headed up the program for Our Savior Lutheran Church. Our contact had always been over the telephone. One night I was at the American Legion annual award dinner when she was honored as a Gold Star Mother, so I went over and introduced myself to her and we had a nice visit. My wife and I later delivered Meals on Wheels to her at her home.. She was such a nice lady. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Don Dammast - January 30 at 08:32 PM