



Jalene J. Larsen

February 24, 1941 - September 23, 2017

PIERCE — Services for Jalene J. (Droescher) Larsen, 76, Pierce, will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce. Burial will be in the Prospect View Cemetery near Pierce. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Pierce. She died Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017, at Premier Estates in Pierce.

Jalene Joy (Droescher) Larsen was born Feb. 24, 1941, the daughter of Galen and Myrtle Eissler Kauffroath. She was baptized August of 1941 by her grandfather, the Rev. Roland Kauffroath. She lost her parents at age two and was adopted by wonderful parents, Fred and Gertrude Eissler Luebe. She was confirmed in May of 1954 in United Church of Christ in Pierce and later, in 1963, in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hadar. She later joined Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce, where she presently was a member.

She attended Pierce County rural School District 44 through the eighth grade and graduated from Pierce High School in 1958. She attended two years of college at Wayne State College and then taught rural schools in Pierce County for five years.

She married Dallas Droescher on Dec. 15, 1962, at United Church of Christ in Pierce. To this union, three sons were born, Robbie, Rusty and Jody. They farmed in the Pierce area until Dallas's death in July of 1986. She also lost two sons, Jody in 1992 and Robbie in 2001, as results of car accidents.

Jalene moved to Pierce in 1988. Jalene worked as a part time bookkeeper at Cominco Fertilizer, 13 years in the Alzheimer's unit in the Pierce Manor and a few years for the Short Stop in Pierce.

She married a wonderful man, Dick Larsen, on April 20, 2006, at Zion Luthern Church in Pierce. Dick died on Nov. 20, 2011.

She was a past member of the Pierce Jaycees, served as Sunday school superintendant at Zion and also United Church of Christ, was a member of the Norfolk Support Group for the widowers, divorced and separated, Christ Lutheran Support Group and the Compassionate Friends. She was presently a member of the ladies aid, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Logan Pride Club. Her family and friends were important to her; Jalene loved spending time with them. She loved to sing, dance, play cards and travel. Jalene loved life and took life one day at a time.

She is survived by son Rusty (Cheri) Droescher of Oakland; two granddaughters, Caroline Droescher (C.W.) Hobbs and Courtney Droescher; four grandsons, Jerome Droescher, James (Emily) Droescher, Jesse Droescher and Ron Petzel; one great-granddaughter, Madison; three great-grandsons, Heath, Dauminique and Alex; one stepson, Tom (Barb) Larsen; three stepdaughters, Jeri (Jerome) Fuchtman, Joy Gates and Jyl Hochstein; stepgrandchildren and step great-grandchildren; special friend Ron Synovec; and three sisters-in-law and spouses.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Galen and Myrtle; two sons, Robbie and Jody; both spouses, Dallas and Dick; and two brothers, Harland and Gene.

Organist will be Dottie Ahlers with Rick Higgins singing "One Day At A Time" and "How Great Thou Art." Congregational hymns will be "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and "I'm But A Stranger Here."

Casketbearers will be Jerome Droescher, James Droescher, Jesse Droescher, Caroline Hobbs, Courtney Droescher and Ron Petzel. Honorary casketbearers will be Emily, Madison, Heath, Dauminique and Alex.

Online condolences may be sent to www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery

Prospect View Cemetery - Rural Pierce

Pierce, NE,

Events

SEP 26 **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

Stonacek Memorial Chapel - Pierce
403 West Main Street, Pierce, NE, US,
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SEP 27 **Service** 10:30AM

Zion Lutheran Church - Pierce
520 East Main Street, Pierce, NE, US,
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Comments



“ Jalene (Miss Luebe) was our teacher at District 80 Pierce, NE. We lived on the farm across the road until I was in 6th grade, at which time my dad moved us to a new farm near Reading, MN. I can still hear her laughter when we came back to school after lunch. My brothers(Duane and Rodney) always had a frog, snake or something crazy up their sleeve to surprise her with. I don't remember her missing a beat all those years ago(a smile or laugh only), then proceeded on with the lesson, craft project or play practice for our many programs. She listened to our stories and dreams like it was the first time hearing of them but I bet I told her I was going to be a nurse and care for people as in all the stories I read about at school. I picked the same book to read over and over but she did not care. Our library was pretty small but had something for everyone one of us (I am sure she found those special books for us). She was a great teacher, a very kind person, and one very special lady.

We have kept in touch with Christmas letters, a few phone conversations, and a few visits when I was in Norfolk visiting family. I looked forward to her stories about her kids, the community, the farm, and current day events she cherished. She will be missed but I feel blessed to have shared a friendship over the years.

Joyce Carol Deuel Wagner

Joyce Carol Deuel Wagner - September 27, 2017 at 06:01 PM



“ I will always remember Jalene as a loving, wife, mother and grandmother. At Christmas time, I remember her dressing her boys in matching outfits, and coming to Grandpa & Grandma Droeschers' house after Christmas Eve services along with Dallas. My heartfelt condolences go out to her family members. God bless all of you as you grieve the loss of Jalene.

Love to all,

Marilynn (Droescher) Sporleder



Marilynn Sporleder - September 26, 2017 at 02:36 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Jalene (Droescher) Larsen. Her son, Robbie, was a high school classmate of mine. I will always remember her as a kind and generous person.
Gayla Koerting

Gayla - September 25, 2017 at 04:58 PM



“ Jalene and I have been friends since high school. We both played the clarinet in band and sat aside of each other. I often stayed with her in town for football games and other activities as I lived in the country. We have stayed friends all these years and I will miss her friendsh9ip and laughter. I loved her long pony tail during high school years and was always amazed at how she could get it up so high. Then she showed me how she did it. She would lay on the bed and hang her head off the edge and then make the pony tail up high on her head. I loved staying with her as her mom always made pancakes for our breakfast.

Karen (Miller) Dulany

Karen (Miller) Dulany - September 24, 2017 at 09:15 PM