



Ardith E. Warneke

December 26, 1928 - April 24, 2023

PIERCE -- Funeral service for Ardith E. Warneke, 94, of Pierce will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 29, 2023 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce. Rev. Gordon Bruce and Vicar Justin Brockman will be officiating the service. Interment will be held at the Zion Lutheran Cemetery, rural Pierce. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 p.m., Friday, also at Zion Lutheran Church. Ardith died on Monday, April 24, 2023 at the Antelope Memorial Hospital in Neligh. Stonacek Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Ardith (Bostelmann) Warneke was born December 26, 1928 to Gustav and Erna (Jungck) Bostelmann at Chester, Nebraska. She passed away April 24, 2023 while hospitalized in Neligh, Nebraska. Ardith was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Chester where she attended school through the eighth grade. After graduation from Chester High School in 1946, she moved to Norfolk with her sisters and began working for Hennings Bakery. That's where she met Melvin who returned from the service to begin working for Hennings Bakery as well. They were married in May 1948 and in August of that same year, they purchased the bakery in Pierce. This began their career in the bakery business which lasted for 19 years. At that time Melvin began working for Aid Association for Lutherans in Fremont.

In 1978 they moved back to Pierce where Ardith did secretarial work for his AAL office. During those years, she was an active volunteer. She chaired a

group of Pierce Ladies who volunteered at the Norfolk hospital for 22 years. She was also active in Zion Lutheran's LWML, Zion Ladies Aid, and Altar Guild. She and Melvin volunteered for Orphan Grain Train, serving on the Advisory board and traveling to deliver items for those in need for 14 years. They traveled in their RV throughout the United States and Canada for organizations they volunteered for as well as personal travels.

She is survived by daughters Deb (John) Matasovsky and Diane (Kern) Newton, son Dean (Theresa) Warneke, and son-in-law Mike Ray; brothers Dwayne Bostelman of Kearney, Nebraska and Wally (Jackie) Bostelmann of Holly Springs, Mississippi; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mel, daughter, Dorla Ray, sisters Louise (Fred) Barry, Gladys (Bill) Meisinger, brother Harold (Wilma) Bostelmann, and sister-in-law Avis Bostelman.

Memorials may be sent to Zion Lutheran Church and School of Pierce or Orphan Grain Train.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Zion Lutheran Cemetery - Rural Pierce

Pierce, NE 68767

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **28**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church - Pierce
520 East Main Street
Pierce, NE 68767
<http://www.zionlutheranpierce.com>

Funeral Service

APR **29**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ardith E. Warneke*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Virginia Von Seggern lit a candle in memory of Ardith Warneke*



Virginia Von Seggern - May 01, 2023 at 01:56 PM



“ *To Ardith's family: My sincere sympathy. Burnell and I traveled to many LHM events, LWML, OGT, as well as AAL work events with Mel and Ardith. So much fun to know them. ❤️💕❤️*

Virginia Von Seggern - May 01, 2023 at 01:54 PM



“ *Dean & Theresa, Was sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. May Ardith know the peace and joy of eternal life!*



Darrell Baum - April 30, 2023 at 10:32 PM

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Darrell Baum - April 30, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ardith E. Warneke.*



April 25, 2023 at 02:35 PM