



Bernice M. Blecha

November 23, 1943 - January 12, 2019

OSMOND — Funeral service for Bernice M. Blecha, 75, of Osmond, will be held at 10:00a.m., Saturday, January 19, 2019 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Osmond with Father Timothy Forget and Father Tim Swanton officiating the service. Burial will take place at St. Joseph's cemetery rural Pierce. Visitation will be held from 4:00 - 7:00p.m., Friday, also at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the rosary starting at 7:00p.m. Bernice passed away on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at Colonial Manor in Randolph. Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Osmond is in charge of the arrangements.

Bernice Marie was born Nov. 23, 1943, at Osmond to Roy and Mary (Dvorak) Herbolsheimer. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierce. The family lived on a farm near Foster and Bernice attended St. Joseph's Grade School and started high school in Pierce. When the school districts were reorganized, Bernice transferred to Osmond High School and continued there until her graduation in 1962. Shortly after graduation, Bernice started employment at the Osmond Republican Newspaper, where she enjoyed a long, fulfilling career until 2018.

On June 29, 1966, Bernice married Donald G. Blecha at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierce. The couple rented a house until 1967, when they built their family home in Osmond. During her employment, she took pride in building her knowledge of the history of the town and working toward serving as town historian. With this knowledge, she served on the committees and authored and edited the books that were produced for Osmond's Diamond Jubilee, Gay

90's, Centennial, and Q125 celebrations.

Outside of work, Bernice participated in many organizations and committees and put all of her energy into putting Osmond first and adding a special significance to each event to make them memorable.

She served the city of Osmond for 47 years, first as the secretary for the city council and later as the city clerk. Bernice also served in various capacities for several civic and church organizations, including St. Mary's Guild, Osmond Hospital Auxiliary, Osmond Alumni Committee, Osmond Betterment Council and Osmond Community Club. She also dedicated many years in service to St. Mary's Church as sacristan, liturgy director, decoration coordinator, funeral planner and church dinner coordinator.

Although Bernice preferred to be an unsung contributor to celebrations and events, she was recognized for her commitment to community as an Osmond Outstanding Citizen, and the dedication to her career with the Golden Pica Award for 50-plus years of service to the newspaper.

Survivors include her spouse; a son and spouse, Joseph and Debra (Braker) Blecha of Shawnee, Kan.; a daughter and spouse, LaDonna and Raymond Rowden of Sherman, Ill.; a son and spouse, Terrence and Christine (Jaderston) Blecha of Rapid City, S.D.; seven grandchildren; and a sister, Lois (Herbolsheimer) Polt of Marshalltown, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Karen (Herbolsheimer) Burbach; and a granddaughter, Grace Blecha.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery - Rural Pierce

Rural Pierce
Pierce, NE 68767

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church- Osmond
509 N. Hill St.
Osmond, NE 68765

Rosary

JAN 18. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

JAN 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bernice M. Blecha*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Bernice was a big reason for the way I feel about Osmond; “My favorite little town.” She provided the immediate encouragement for the development of my grandmother’s music project and from there, we became dear friends. She understood how much this town means to me and through the years she would remind me of how a new life would be possible there. It was about what Osmond meant to her.*

When I would call Bernice, she would always be working on a town project, and take the time to visit with me.

I will miss our conversations. I will miss my friend. “Well done my good and faithful servant..” Matthew 25:21

Tom Roth

marcie roth - January 20, 2019 at 07:55 PM



“ *LaDonna:*
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Your family is in my family's prayers.

*Sincerely,
Jason Johnson*

Jason Johnson - January 16, 2019 at 10:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernice M. Blecha.*



January 16, 2019 at 09:46 AM



“ *Ron and Pam Bane, Melissa and Dan Deeter & family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Bernice M. Blecha.*



Ron and Pam Bane, Melissa and Dan Deeter & family -
January 15, 2019 at 04:19 PM



“ *Fond memories of riding back and forth to school with Bernice driving!! Tom Nave*

Tom Nave - January 15, 2019 at 01:54 PM



“ *Scott Kuhlman lit a candle in memory of Bernice M. Blecha*



Scott Kuhlman - January 15, 2019 at 12:10 PM

GL

“ So sorry, prayers for the family



Gayle LANG - January 15, 2019 at 09:12 AM

MW

“ We are very sorry to hear of your family's loss. Sending prayers for peace and healing.
-Melinda Winkelman Family

Melinda Winkelman - January 14, 2019 at 03:03 PM

LF

“ Lois & Roger Polt and Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernice M. Blecha.



Lois & Roger Polt and Families - January 14, 2019 at 12:49 PM

JU

“ Jackie Uhri lit a candle in memory of Bernice M. Blecha



Jackie Uhri - January 13, 2019 at 07:04 PM