



Eileen F. Zierke

August 30, 1937 - March 17, 2026

PIERCE – Funeral service for Eileen F. Zierke, 88, of Pierce, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 23, 2026 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce. Rev. Terry Makelin will be officiating the service. Interment will be held at the Prospect View Cemetery, Pierce. Visitation will be 2:00-4:00 p.m., Sunday, also at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce. The service will be live-streamed on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stonacekfuneralchapel/>. Eileen passed away on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at the Providence Medical Center in Wayne. Stonacek Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Eileen Frieda Esther Schulz was born on August 30th, 1937 on the family farm east of Pierce, as the third in a line of six girls to George and Grace (Buckendahl) Schulz. While on the farm her duties included making sure that her grandma Ernestine Schulz made it back from her walks when she would wander off, also taking care of her youngest sister JoAnn. Her older sisters Leoma and Lois got to do most of the outside chores and ride the horses while Eileen took care of the chickens and helped with the cooking. Later they moved to town where sisters Donna and Jerilyn were born.

Eileen was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church and attended St. John's Lutheran School where she was also confirmed. She graduated from Pierce High School in 1955. After graduation she went to work in the Pierce County

Courthouse Welfare Office.

She married Rudolph J. Zierke on January 4th, 1959. To this union they were blessed with 3 daughters Kathryn, Rhonda, and Sandra. They resided in Norfolk, then moved to Pierce upon purchasing and operating Rudy's IGA grocery store. During this time she also took care of her mother Grace. After closing the store she began working as the secretary at Zion Lutheran Church, bartender on Thursday nights for Pierce Lanes and later at the Legion Lounge. She enjoyed her "friends of the round table" after a long day.

Music was a big part of her life. She played trumpet in the Pierce High School Band. She loved to sing with her sisters at family gatherings. She loved to dance with husband Rudy and sing with him in the choir at church and around the campfire at their cabin on the Missouri River near Yankton. She organized and led the Pierce High Alumni Pep Band for many years. Receiving the 2010 "Outstanding Pierce Alumni Community Award". Eileen had many fond memories with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, whether it be watching sports, playing games, or joking around. They loved staying at her house and all the surprises of food, laughter, and lectures.

She was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the American Legion Auxiliary where she held the office as President for many years.

Eileen is survived by her daughters Kathryn (Rod) Reynolds of Duluth, MN, Rhonda Seeba of Lincoln, NE, Sandra (Jeff) Ronnfeldt of Pierce, NE, grandchildren Megan (Jim) Forsyth, Cole Seeba, Jeffrey Jr. (Tiffany) Ronnfeldt, Mike Ronnfeldt, Keo (Dan) Leiser, Ashley (Travis) Fleming, Nicole (Kalin) Thompson, Kazleigh Martin, and Kendra Ronnfeldt, 24 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren. Sisters Donna Zierke, Jerilyn Wardlow, and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband Rudy Zierke, her parents George and Grace Schulz, sisters JoAnn Kubik, Leoma Fuelberth, Lois Heller, son-in-law Dar Seeba, great granddaughter Johanna, great grandson Madden, and numerous brother-in-law's and sister-in-law's.

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

Cemetery Details

Prospect View Cemetery - Rural Pierce

Pierce, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAR 23. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Eileen F. Zierke



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - March 20 at 01:17 PM

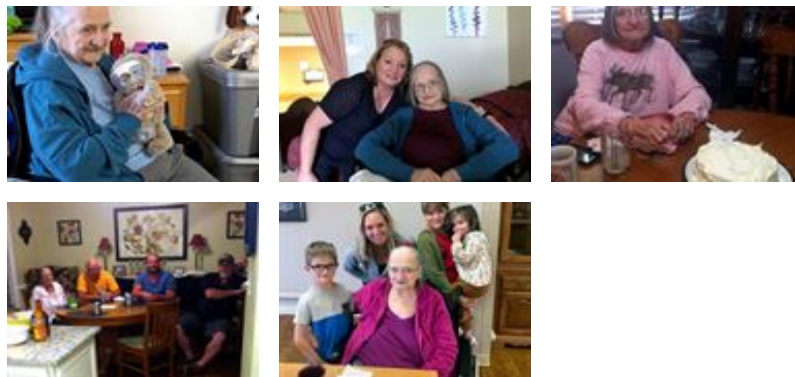
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“ Thinking of you all and praying for you. Eileen was a great secretary and friend for me when I served as pastor at Zion. May the death and resurrection of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ give you hope and comfort. -- Rev Howard Shane. 🙏✝️

Rev Howard Shane - March 22 at 03:36 PM



“ 19 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - March 20 at 01:12 PM



“ We have fond memories of Eileen. Always glad to see you and chat a bit❤️

Darlene Gutzmann - March 20 at 11:48 AM



“ 62 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - March 20 at 10:50 AM



“ Betty,Susie,Tim, Jody and family. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Eileen F. Zierke.



Betty,Susie,Tim, Jody and family. - March 19 at 10:42 PM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Eileen F. Zierke.



March 19 at 05:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eileen F. Zierke.

March 19 at 05:26 PM



“ Buckendahl's purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Eileen F. Zierke.



Buckendahl's - March 19 at 03:41 PM



“ Your Mom and Dad were a very important part of our lives. Visiting at the store when we had both of our businesses in Pierce, our bear hunting trip, going to the river, and all their help working on our house in Foster. Have memories we hold dear in our hearts. Rick & Dori Walton

rick walton - March 19 at 12:12 PM