



## Gertrude "Leona" Bargstadt

March 18, 1930 - June 12, 2025

NORFOLK – Celebration of life service for Gertrude “Leona” Bargstadt, 95 of Norfolk, will be held on Friday, June 20, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Norfolk. Officiating the service will be Rev. Kathleen Splitt. The service will be live-streamed on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stonacekfuneralchapel/>. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services. Leona passed away on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at the Emerald Nursing Home in Columbus, NE. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made out to St. Jude’s Children Research Hospital.

Leona Bargstadt was born on March 18, 1930 to Otis and Maybelle (Waltz) Auker in Auburn, Nebraska. She was received into the Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Adult Confirmation June 4, 1946 at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Auburn. She attended rural schools and graduated from Auburn High School in 1947 and then attended Norfolk School of Beauty, Norfolk, NE.

She was united in marriage to Lester C. Bargstadt on November 7, 1948. This union was blessed with five children. They lived in Pierce until 1976, moving to Norfolk after retirement from the Motel 6 Inc in 1992. Leona was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Pierce, NE where she belonged to the E.L.C.W. until moving to Norfolk where she joined St. John’s Lutheran Church. She was

a member of the church's quilt group.

She departed this life at 95 years and 3 months old.

Leona is survived by her children Victoria (William) Ferretti of Sunrise Beach, MO; Debra Bargstadt of Norfolk; Steven (Mary) Bargstadt of Billings, MT; Timothy (LaJean) Bargstadt of Columbus, Russel (Janice) Bargstadt of Milpitas, CA., grandchildren Chad (Krista) Bargstadt, Corie (Kody) Bennett, Chandra (John) Kosmicki, Wendy Bargstadt, Dana (Brian) Karp, Kaitlin (Bobby) Barber, Ann Bargstadt, Ian Bargstadt; 1 step-granddaughter Gina Ferretti; 10 great grandchildren; 5 step great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild; and 7 great great step grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband Lester C. Bargstadt, parents, 4 sisters, and 2 brothers.

Leona's body was donated to the Nebraska Anatomical Board for medical research. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacefuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacefuneralchapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 20. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church, Norfolk  
1300 W. Benjamin Ave.  
Norfolk, NE  
<http://www.stjohnsnorfolk.com/>

## Celebration of Life

JUN 20. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Gina Ferretti lit a candle in memory of Gertrude "Leona" Bargstadt*



Gina Ferretti - June 19, 2025 at 07:56 PM

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“ *To the Family of Leona Bargstadt. Please accept our deepest sympathy for the loss of Aunt Leona. She was so very near and dear to all of us in the Buckendahl family and we will miss her smile and joy most of all. May God bless all those that she leaves behind. We take comfort in the fact that Leona is finally at home in heaven with Lester by her side. WE LOVE YOU Leona. God's Speed Sweet Lady. All our Love - The EIRay Buckendahl Family.*

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“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gertrude "Leona" Bargstadt.*



June 14, 2025 at 03:33 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gertrude "Leona" Bargstadt.*

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