



LaVetta L. Kesting

April 11, 1930 - October 6, 2019

PIERCE -- Funeral service for LaVetta L. Kesting, 89, of Pierce, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, October 14, 2019 at Zion Lutheran Church, Pierce.

Officiating will be Reverend Gordon Bruce and Vicar Ryan Mazer. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Norfolk, Visitation will be from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Sunday at Zion Lutheran Church, Pierce. LaVetta died Sunday, October 6, 2019 at the Premier Estates of Pierce located in Norfolk. Arrangements by Stonacek Memorial Chapel, Pierce.

LaVetta L. Kesting, daughter of Ernest and Mary (Hellmers) Deitloff was born April 11, 1930, in Norfolk. She was baptized on May 11, 1930, and confirmed March 6, 1949, both at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Norfolk. She attended School District 87 in Norfolk.

She married Harold G. Kesting at St. Paul Lutheran Church parsonage in Norfolk on July 2, 1946. Harold and LaVetta lived in Norfolk. Harold worked for Hulac Clothing and Zastrow Hatchery until March 1949. LaVetta worked at Mary's Café and Childs Bakery.

The couple then moved to a Pierce County farm northeast of Pierce and farmed until 1986, when they retired. She then worked at Dale Electronics for 20 years before retiring from there in 1996.

LaVetta enjoyed living on the farm, taking care of the animals, gardening, flowers, sewing quilts for the Orphan Grain Train and family. She also enjoyed helping her sons milk cows until they retired the milk cows in 2011. She enjoyed seeing her grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow up.

She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce and its ladies aid. Survivors include her children, Anece LaGrande and spouse Bob of Bellflower, Calif., Don Kesting and spouse Bonita of Bennington, Karen Christiansen Norfolk, Harold Lee Kesting and spouse Diane of Pierce, Marge Silhacek and spouse Keith of Pierce and Roger Kesting and spouse Sharon of Pierce; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren; and siblings Junior (Alvina) Deitloff of Norfolk and LouJean (Ron) Ferris of Austin, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Mary; two infant daughters, Bernita Mae and Joan Renee; one grandchild, Kevin Christiansen; two brothers, Norbert and Ervin; a sister, Esther Brown; and her spouse, Harold.

Organist will be Dottie Ahlers, and hymns will include "Old Rugged Cross," "In The Garden" and "Beautiful Savior." Casket bearers will be Ben Kesting, Keith Staab, Jeff Kesting, Bryan Kesting, Gregory Kesting and Brian Uilk.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Zion Lutheran Church, 520 E. Main St., Pierce, NE 68767.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery - Norfolk

1950 N. 13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Tribute Wall



“ *LaVetta L. Kesting*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *From LouJean Deitloff Ferris:*

Lavetta was one of my older sisters. She was seven years old when I was born. We were always very close in heart. I always admired her perseverance, strength and endurance in raising her family and throughout her life.

I spent part of most summers with her and family on their farm as I was growing up. I helped her with her babies and children whenever I could. She and I would spend hours visiting and putting up many quarts of sweet corn. I also enjoyed the fresh veggies from her lush garden, and enjoyed hearing about her many flowers that she greatly cherished.

After I married we moved to Omaha, and then to Texas so that I only got to visit her about once a year until our health declined, but we still talked on the phone regularly. I truly miss our personal visits but we continued sharing our bond by talking about our interest in sewing quilts for World Relief and our families.

She was a wonderful person and sister, and surely will be missed. Enjoy your heavenly home Sis. I trust that the Lord will bring us together again there for a wonderful reunion. I love you.



LouJean D. Ferris - October 12, 2019 at 09:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of LaVetta L. Kesting.



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