



Merna M. Bretschneider

August 3, 1929 - September 22, 2018

PIERCE -- Graveside service for Merna M. Bretschneider, 89, of Pierce will be held at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 27, 2018 at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery, south of Norfolk with Rev. Austin Ziche officiating. Memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 27, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hadar. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Merna died Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the Plainview Manor in Plainview.

Stonacek Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

The daughter of Carl C. and Lydia J. (Hille) Bauer was born Aug. 3, 1929, in Norfolk. She was baptized on Sept. 1, 1929, in her parents home, and confirmed April 18, 1943. She attended several country schools through the eighth grade. Merna graduated from Pierce High School in 1947.

She married Reuben P. Bretschneider on Oct. 2, 1949, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Norfolk. After marriage, Merna and Reuben made their home in Pierce County, farming. Merna was employed with Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for several years. Merna and Reuben enjoyed spending winters in Arizona and camping. In October 2009, the couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. She enjoyed doing crafts and gardening.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hadar and its ladies aid. She also taught Sunday school.

Survivors include five children, Randy and spouse Kathy Bretschneider of Pierce, Rick and spouse Amy Bretschneider of Pierce, Cindy and spouse Tom

Zarnstorff of Anchorage, Alaska, Kevin and spouse Roxanne Bretschneider of Norfolk and Gale and spouse Paula Bretschneider of Pierce; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; her siblings, Keith (Mary) Bauer of Colorado, Roger (Kay) Bauer of Norfolk, Susan Schwanke of Colorado and Iris Hettrick of Nevada; and a brother-in-law, Bill Miller of Norfolk.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Lydia; an infant daughter; her spouse, Reuben P. Bretschneider, who died in 2011; a half sister, Berdina Hettrick; a half brother, Warren Bauer; and a sister, Nadine Miller.

Organist will be Shannon Spreeman with musical selections "Children Of The Heavenly Father," "King Of Love, My Shepherd Is," "Abide With Me" and "Jesus Loves Me."

Casket bearers will be her grandsons: Kellin Bretschneider, Tyson Zarnstorff, Trevor Zarnstorff, Brady Bretschneider and Garrett Bretschneider. Honorary casketbearers will be her granddaughters: Rebecca Fletcher, Karynn Bretschneider, Cara Ewings, Claire Zarnstorff, Amber Woslager, Brittany Battershaw, Jacy Bretschneider and Shelby Bretschneider.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
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Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-7676
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<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

Graveside Service

SEP **27.** 9:30 AM (CT)

Pleasant Valley Cemetery - Rural Madison
Rural Madison, NE

Service

SEP **27.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Hadar
2nd Ave. & Main St.
Hadar, NE 68738

Tribute Wall



“ *Merna M. Bretschneider*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *K Jeannie Bixby lit a candle in memory of Merna M. Bretschneider*



K Jeannie Bixby - December 31, 2018 at 04:52 PM



“ *Keith and Mary Bauer purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Merna M. Bretschneider.*



Keith and Mary Bauer - September 25, 2018 at 05:54 PM



“ *Merna is now in the arms of her Savior, Jesus. I have nice memories of Merna when I taught in Hadar, years ago. God will be with you all as you adjust to life without her. JoAnn Grebe*

JoAnn Grebe - September 25, 2018 at 04:43 PM

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“ We will always remember her smile, her friendliness and grace and of course, her strong faith in our Savior.

Roger and Jane Grimm

Roger and Jane Grimm - September 25, 2018 at 08:45 AM

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“ Cheryl Kline lit a candle in memory of Merna M. Bretschneider



Cheryl Kline - September 24, 2018 at 04:28 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Merna M. Bretschneider.



September 24, 2018 at 12:04 PM