



Bernice V. Strutz

September 3, 1925 - October 19, 2025

Bernice Vivian Strutz, 100, of 542 Wakefield Ave, Fond du Lac, died Sunday October 19, 2025, at Harbor Haven Health & Rehabilitation, Fond du Lac. She was born on September 3, 1925, a daughter to Edward and Ida (Plotz) Lierman in Poygan, Wisconsin. She was the third of their children and spent her youth attending a one room country schoolhouse. Bernice spent her summers working alongside her parents on the family farm. Her Pa raised steer and encouraged Bernice to continue her education as these steer would fund her tuition. Bernice graduated from Omro High School in 1943 and went on to earn her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh.

Bernice devoted 31 years to teaching, with 29 of those years spent in Fond du Lac County before retiring in 1989. After retirement, she remained an active member of the Wisconsin Retired Educators Association (WREA). Her kindness, patience, and love for learning left a lasting impression on generations of students and colleagues alike.

On April 16, 1949, Bernice married her high school sweetheart, Arthur C. Strutz. Together they raised four sons, David, Dennis, Jerry and Roy, and one daughter, Linda.

In her 50s, Bernice and Arthur enjoyed traveling together in Europe, Canada, and Mexico, as well as attending many of Arthur's U.S.S. Hermann Destroyer ship reunions.

Bernice loved quilting, sewing, knitting, and crocheting. She was a member of

the Linettes as well as the quilting circle at Memorial Baptist Church, where she was a devoted and faithful member.

Preceding her in death are her sons David and Roy, her beloved husband Arthur, her brother Harold, her sister Althea, her niece Sandy, and her parents. She is survived by her children: Dennis (Jennie) Strutz of Middleton, Jerry Strutz of Fond du Lac, and Linda (Steve) Schneider of Fond du Lac; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law Shirley Lemieux of Oshkosh; and daughters-in-law, nieces and nephews who will forever cherish her warmth, her gentle heart, and the love she shared with all who knew her. Visitation for Bernice will be held this Friday, October 24, 2025, between 12 noon and 2 pm with funeral services following at Kurki Funeral Chapel, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac. Entombment will follow at Shrine of Rest Mausoleum in Ledgeview Memorial Park.

Memorials may be directed to Lakeshore Elementary School of Fond du Lac. Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory is serving the family, on-line guestbook can be found at www.kurkifuneralchapel.com. 920-921-4420

Cemetery Details

Ledgeview Memorial Park

N6250 County Trunk K
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory
31 E. Division Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Funeral Service

OCT **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DG

“ My condolences to the whole family. Bernice was a precious, caring lady. David and I were good friends growing up so I spent a fair amount of time at the Strutz house.

Dan Grangaard - October 30, 2025 at 06:30 PM

VL

“ Dear Dennis, Jerry and Linda, We were so sorry that your mom has passed. We have so many happy memories of her, always a smile on her face, and memories of our families spending time together. I remember our dads going fishing in the middle of the night and your mom taking us to Sunday School with her the next morning. I know all of you and your children will miss her. Love, Vicki and Mark

Vicki Latus - October 23, 2025 at 02:17 PM

EH

“ We had wonderful years and teaching together and then had wonderful social times including our husbands. Was a kind, understanding soul - Rest in peace. I feel so blessed to have Bernice as a cherished friend. Elaine Hessil

elaine hessil - October 23, 2025 at 11:22 AM

PM

Paula Strutz Musial the little niece that thought everyone should be up at 6am. what a great auntie you were.

paulla musial - October 23, 2025 at 01:44 PM

DW

“ *Deena Wilke lit a candle in memory of
Bernice Strutz* ”



Deena Wilke - October 20, 2025 at 06:00 PM