



Bernice Wittig

January 22, 1923 - January 24, 2019

Bernice V. Wittig, 96, of Fond du Lac, went to be with her Savior on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at her home.

She was born on January 22, 1923 to William O. Wepfer and Edna M. (Guhl) in Milwaukee, WI.

On November 20, 1941, Bernice married her lifetime companion, Harold W. Wittig of Hartford, WI at Roundy Memorial Baptist Church, Whitefish Bay. The Wittigs moved to Fond du Lac in 1954 and spent the rest of their lives there. They were married 62 years when Harold passed away in 2004. During their years together, they shared their hospitality with friends and family, becoming known for their homemade bratwurst. Bernice was also famous for her perfect delicate pie crusts. She and Harold enjoyed visiting all 50 states including a special fall trip to New England where they ate lobster every day. They also traveled to Europe and enjoyed the Passion Play at Oberammergau, Germany.

Bernice had many friends with one special friend, Sue Mowbray, who became her “adopted daughter” and part of Sue’s large family. Bernice was with them for holidays and special events, where she could always be found in the kitchen, washing dishes. She especially enjoyed the Caribbean Cruises they took together.

Bernice was a very active member of Hope Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac. She sang in the choir for over 30 years, served as officers in the Ladies Guild, served on various committees at Hope including the Building Committee and was involved with the beginning of the Hope Pre-School, and headed up the Funeral Committee for many years. She served on the board which began Hospice Hope and spent over 30 years as a volunteer; delivered Mobil Meals, worked at Loaves and Fishes and served on the Fond du Lac School Board. She was a past-president for the League of Women Voters, was on the Board of Directors for the Visiting Nurses Association of Fond du Lac and was a former Fond du Lac Housing Authority member.

In addition to all her volunteer work, Bernice was a sales rep for Scholastic Inc., for over 20 years allowing her to travel around Wisconsin visiting elementary schools. Hobbies included playing piano, reading, playing cards and sewing.

She is survived by two daughters: Katherine (Harold M.) Rehbein of Jacksonville, Florida and Patricia (Stuart J.) Gerrich of Tempe, Arizona; two grandchildren: Steve Rehbein of Jacksonville, FL and Bryce (Katie) Gerrich of Tempe, AZ; one great-granddaughter, Ella Gerrich; her brother, Gordon (Virginia) Wepfer of Lake Milton, Ohio. She is further survived by cousins, nieces, nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold; her brother, Russ (Sally) Wepfer, a sister who died in infancy and a brother-in-law, Edward A. Wittig.

Family and friends learned much from Bernice about living her faith, serving as the hands of God on Earth and the rewards of helping others. She is also remembered for her many wise sayings, especially "there is always room for ice cream".

VISITATION: Friends may call on Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, 260 Vincent Street, Fond du Lac.

FUNERAL: Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, with Rev. Phillip Enderle officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Hope Lutheran Church or St. Agnes Foundation Hospice Hope.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hope Lutheran Church
260 Vincent St
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Service

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I'M SENDING MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY. I HAVE KNOWN BERNICE FOR MANY YEARS, FROM HOPE CHURCH, WE OFTEN WORKED TOGETHER . SHE WAS A SUPER GREAT AND GIVING PERSON, SHE WAS ALWAYS THERE FOR WHATEVER NEEDED DONE OR SAID. SHE WAS A GREAT PERSON. I WOULD LOVE TO COME TO CHURCH, FOR ALL. BUT DON'T HAVE A CAR ANYMORE, BLESSING AND COMFORT TO ALL OF YOU.
FRIENDS
SUE A GRAHL

SUE GRAHL - January 30, 2019 at 06:49 PM

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“ I used to work at LakeView place where Bernice lived. She was one of my favorite residents to talk to. My deepest condolences to her family.

Jackie Jump - January 29, 2019 at 08:22 PM