



Eleanor H. Ballwanz

September 23, 1914 - April 1, 2017

Our mom, Eleanor H. Ballwanz, 102 ½ years old, left this world on Saturday, April 1, 2017, where her Lord and Savior finished her room in heaven where there are many memories. It is a time to mourn, but then to rejoice, knowing she is now happy and at peace in her “new room” in her Heavenly Home. She was born on September 23, 1914, in Merrill, Wisconsin, a daughter of Charles and Mabel Richards Klein. Her parents and siblings moved to Fond du Lac where she attended Fond du Lac schools, later they moved to a farm in the Town of Lamartine, where she attended Lincoln State Grade School, where many years later her four kids would attend. Mom met our dad, Erwin, in 1928, when they were attendants for her stepsister and dad’s brother’s wedding. They fell in love and married on October 27, 1934, in Waukegan, Illinois, settling in Fond du Lac until 1949, and then moving to a small farm in the Town of Lamartine. Eleanor was a devoted Christian, and read the Bible daily, until her eyesight became problematic. Mom and dad made sure their children were baptized, confirmed, and attended Sunday school on a regular basis at Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church, with three of her children being wed there. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, being on call for lots of babysitting. She was a wonderful homemaker and stay at home mom. She was a great cook and was especially good at baking from scratch. Her small hands could knead the bread dough like a pro. She is survived by four children: Ron (Diane) Ballwanz, Jan Larson, Paul Ballwanz, and Les (Karen) Ballwanz, ten grandchildren and step-grandchildren; and many great-

grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Erwin; a son-in-law, Allan Larson; 11 brothers and sisters, and their spouses; an infant sister; nieces and nephews, her father and mother-in-law; and other family and friends. VISITATION: A visitation to celebrate Eleanor's life will be from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2017, at Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church, 20 Wisconsin American Drive, Fond du Lac. SERVICE: The funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday at Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Sue Sheffer-Meyer officiating. Private family entombment, where mom will join dad, will be at Shrine of Rest Mausoleum in Ledgeview Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family. Special thanks to the wonderful people of Agnesian Hospice Hope for their amazing help in taking care of mom's needs. Also, to our brother, Ron, and his wife, Diane, who opened their home for mom, for exactly three years, when her health, at age 99, was deteriorating. It was very much appreciated by the rest of the family. And also to Kurki-Mach Funeral Chapel for their kindness.

Tribute Wall

TO

“ I enjoyed visiting your mother she was always thankful for the care. It was nice to spend time with her and have an occasional laugh. Rest in peace. Nurse Tom

Tom Olig - April 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ We were very sorry to read of your Mom's passing...difficult at any age as we are always "the kids" to them! This brought back many fond memories of Lamartine days...we were all so lucky to grow up there even though we didn't realize it at the time!!...I have many memories of our days at Lincoln grade school. Our family was truly extended there at the time of my brother Bobby's death in 1958. A funny memory is when Lester really got his Mom upset when he drove to school on the tractor!! Why that comes to mind who knows....you are in our thoughts and prayers! Terry and Sandy (Hall) Krause

sandy krause - April 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.

DS - April 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Les:I am both sorry to hear of your Mother's passing and happy she had such a long life. Roger Liebelt

Roger Liebelt - April 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *A true gem. Always a smile and nothing but good to say. Prayers are with the family. " The Johnson Crew"*

April 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *You will be missed!! Best Aunt ever!!!*

Ron - April 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *You are now with your Lord and Savior! We will miss you! God speed, dear Auntie EB! I will always love you!*

Sharon Klein Steger - April 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *This woman and my only remaining Aunt, was an inspiration, a joy, and a blessing to all who knew her. We are so lucky to have had her in our lives for so many years. You are now with your beloved husband, family and friends in heaven! Until we meet again!*

Sharon Klein Steger - April 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *So glad I got to meet this wonderful woman last summer and that Mirrin got to meet her great great grandma. Thinking of you all at this very sad time and sending Love xx*

joanne zoch - April 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM