



Fern Eloise Wittchow

April 26, 1918 - July 23, 2018

Fern Eloise Wittchow, 100, of Rosendale, died on Monday, July 23, 2018, at Tower View Villa.

She was born on April 26, 1918, in Rosendale, the daughter of Leon and Eloise Pinch Bluemke. On August 21, 1937, she married Irvin Wittchow in Waukegan, Illinois. He preceded her in death on November 1, 2001.

Fern was a member of Peace Lutheran Church, Ladies Aid, Homemakers and was also a 4-H Leader. She drove bus for Rosendale/Brandon School District for 18 years. She enjoyed spending time with her grand, great, and great-great grandchildren. She was an avid sports fan of NASCAR, Packers, Badgers, Brewers and followed high school sports. She loved cooking, baking and trying new recipes.

She is survived by her three children: Dennis (Jean) Wittchow of Modesto, California, Jeff (Alice) Wittchow of Rosendale and Kristi (Ken) Basler of Eldorado; two daughter-in-laws: Gretchen Gall of Fond du Lac and Marlene Wittchow of Eldorado; 15 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren, and her brother, Allan Bluemke of Seattle, Washington.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sons: Terry and Scott, her daughter, Candice and two sisters: Caryl Smith and Lorraine

Novitske.

VISITATION: Friends may call on Saturday, August 18, 2018, from 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 124 South Main Street, Rosendale.

FUNERAL: A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 18, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, with Rev. Charles Thompson officiating. Inurnment will follow in Rosendale Cemetery.

Special thanks to Barb Sullivan and staff of Tower Villa for their love, care and compassion shown to Fern and family for the past seven years. Also, as special thanks to SSM/Agnesian Hospice Hope for the support shown to Fern and family.

In lieu of flowers, donations appreciated to Peace Lutheran Church or SSM/Agnesian Hospice Hope.

Cemetery Details

Rosendale Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Peace Lutheran Church
124 South Main Street
Rosendale, WI 54974

Service

AUG 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I had the extreme pleasure and honor of caring for the beautiful selfless women. She greeted me with a huge smile every day at Tower View. I will remember her for her always delightful attitude towards life. I worked took care of her just the day before and she decided she wanted to were her favorite yellow blouse. So we had a little bit of a time getting it on her but she was determined so we took our time and made her shine like Fern did. When we were done I apologized for how long it took us and she asked me to come closer and she whispered "Ladies it was my pleasure ". This is my Fern I will never forget. Rest in Peace Love.

Victoria Lebouton - July 28, 2018 at 06:27 PM

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“ A few years ago I asked Fern, would you like to go swimming? In her excitable voice, she said, I WOULD LOVE TO. The next day her daughter Cristy took her to the store for a swimsuit. Along with June Wright & Faye Belling, we went once a week & after we would go for a bite to eat. Fern was a one of a kind always a good word for everyone. She will be missed by all but in good hands seeing all her loved ones & friends. Carol Marschall

Carol Marschall - July 27, 2018 at 01:24 PM

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“ *The first memory I had of Fern was when Terry was in the Army and stationed in Germany. Terry sent home a clock and all the instructions were in German. Fern knew my dad could speak German so she asked him to assemble it for her. To show her kindness she had our family over for a big dinner with Turkey, stuffing, etc. and I remember how good the stuffing was. She gave the recipe to mom and we had Fern's stuffing every holiday meal. She was a friend to everyone she met and she touched so many lives in her life. She will be missed and she will always be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers to the entire Wittchow family. Jim & Jeanne*



Jim & Jeanne Zahn - July 27, 2018 at 06:48 AM

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“ *Condolences to the Fern Wittchow family. Fern was a next door neighbor to our father Robert Giebel when he resided at Tower Villa. She became a dear friend to dad and all of us children. Always had kind words for us. She is now in the arms of her God. She will be remembered by us and many others. The Robert Giebel children. Mary, Rita, Monica, Ron, Mike, and Marcia. God Bless her.*

Monica Olig - July 26, 2018 at 09:08 PM

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“*“What did Fern say?” What does Fern think?” “What will Fern do?” “What’s Fern’s memory of this?” Fern was the “go to” person for Rosendale & vicinity. Always helpful, open & honest to the core. If you said “Fern” anywhere near Rosendale, everyone knew you were referring to Fern Wittchow! A lady who loved her God, her community and her extensive family. God blessed us all by giving us Fern for such a long time.*

*Joan & Larry Conners
Waunakee, WI*

Joan & Larry Conners - July 25, 2018 at 06:41 PM

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Such beautiful words above. A special lady with only good words about everyone. She will be missed but was ready to go.

Carol Marschall - July 27, 2018 at 11:41 AM

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*A few years ago I asked Fern, how would you like to go swimming with me? I WOULD LOVE TO, Fern said in her excitable voice. The next day her daughter Christy, took her to buy a swimsuit. So for a few years along with June Wright & Fay Belling, we went once a week. After we would go & have a bite to eat. Fern seems to always be ready to try something different. She will always be remembered for all her kind words about everyone. What a good role model she was for all.
Carol Marschall*

Carol Marschall - July 27, 2018 at 12:37 PM