



Lorraine Charlotte Fornes

June 5, 1934 - August 10, 2024

Lorraine's service will be viewable at <https://vimeo.com/event/4507283>

Funeral services for Lorraine will be held Friday, August 16, at 10:30 a.m. at Waldheim Lutheran Church near Kathryn, ND. Visitation will be one hour before the service at the church. Burial will be at the Waldheim Lutheran Church Cemetery in rural Kathryn, ND.

Lorraine Charlotte (Benson) Fornes, age 90, of Kathryn, ND passed away Saturday, August 10, 2024, at Mercy Hospital, Valley City, ND. Lorraine was born June 5, 1934, in the family home in Thordenskjold Township in Barnes County, near Nome, ND to Carl and Lisa (Anderson) Benson. She attended school at Eastedge School #31 in Eastedge, ND for ten years and graduated from Enderlin High School in 1952. Growing up, Lorraine was active in Sunday school, school activities, and 4-H.

Lorraine was united in marriage to Melvin Lloyd Fornes on December 30, 1953. Lorraine and Melvin had three children: Lorin, Lorinda, and Melisa. They raised their family, farmed, and registered Herefords on the Standing Rock Farm in Preston Township in Ransom County.

A woman of strong faith and strong will, Lorraine was baptized and confirmed in Waldheim Lutheran Church. She taught Vacation Bible School and Sunday school for many years. She was also active in Ladies Aid where she helped make lefse and stitched quilts for the annual church dinner and bazaar.

After graduation in the summer of 1952, Lorraine attended college for eight weeks to earn her teaching license and taught for two years in rural schools; one year in Helendale Township in Richland County south of Leonard, ND, and one year in the Lindvold School, in Thordenskjold Township, near Eastedge, ND. She returned to college in 1969 and earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 1972 from Valley City State University. Lorraine taught in Lisbon Public School mostly as a 3rd Grade teacher for 23 years. She was a substitute teacher at several area schools after retiring.

Lorraine was proud of her Norwegian heritage and family was also very important to her. She took many trips with family members to places including Norway, Alaska, Canada, Arizona, Oklahoma, Florida, and the state of Washington to visit and stay in touch with family. When she was able, she greatly enjoyed attending her grandchildren's music, school and church activities.

Over the years, Lorraine was actively involved in many organizations. She was a founding member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Pi Chapter, the Preston Homemakers club, and was a member of the North Dakota Retired Teachers Association Valley City Chapter. She made many lifelong friends from her involvement in these groups. Her hobbies included reading, quilting, sewing, volunteering, getting together with friends, and crafting.

Lorraine is survived by her three children: Lorin Fornes, Kathryn; Lorinda (Doug) Morrison, Justin, TX; Melisa (Bryan) Duncan, Fargo; four grandchildren – Tina Morrison, Kenneth Morrison, Ty Duncan and Gabriel Duncan; brother-in-law Walter Kratz; sisters-in-law Eunice Fornes, Joyce Benson and Sandy Hagan Benson Carlson, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, brothers Bob, Earle, and Milo Benson, sisters Donna Kratz and Judy Kopperud, in-laws Mary Ann Benson, Ruby Benson, Merlin Fornes, Wendell Kopperud and Jeanne Benson.

Cemetery Details

Waldheim Cemetery

Kathryn, ND

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Waldheim Lutheran Church

5100 119 AVE SE

Kathryn, ND 58049

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Funeral Service

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Kathryn, ND 58049

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Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs. Fornes, like all of the other teachers, gave us the foundation of learning that we continue to enjoy today. Hard to believe so many are gone now. Its with fond memories. I think back to those grade school days. I can still see them standing outside watching over us during recess, ringing the bell to bring us in. Lining us up to go down the hall for an event, or lunch. They gave us a balance of lessons, and fun though they day. We were lucky to have their wisdom and guidance. Thank you for sharing her with us.

Scott Holt - August 29, 2024 at 12:16 AM

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“ Laura Paulson (Concordia Friend & LDSS) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lorraine Charlotte Fornes.



Laura Paulson (Concordia Friend & LDSS) - August 15, 2024 at 05:05 PM

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“ Mary Morrison purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Lorraine Charlotte Fornes.



Mary Morrison - August 15, 2024 at 09:47 AM

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“ Lorraine or Mrs. Fornes as she was always called, was one of the best teachers Lisbon school had. As parents we loved how she brought out the best in all her students. She wanted them all to succeed. Her personality was always so sweet. I loved our visits when ever or where ever we met. She was quite gal. God bless her memory. kay & russ reinke

Kay Reinke - August 14, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lorraine Charlotte Fornes.*



August 13, 2024 at 06:06 PM