



Kay Charlotte Nerhus Larson

April 15, 1938 - December 7, 2019

Kay Charlotte Nerhus Larson was called to be home with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on December 7, 2019, after a short illness.

A service honoring Kay's life will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 11, at Badger Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Scott Meier officiating. Interment will be in Hovey Cemetery. Visitation is 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at Badger Lutheran Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Gunderson Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Valdon Nerhus; her son, Terence Nerhus; her sisters, Maxine and Leone; and brothers, Kalcie, Wayne, and Eugene.

She leaves a wonderful legacy. She is survived by her second husband, Brian D. Larson. Her four children: Randal Nerhus, Des Moines, Iowa, Timothy (Karen) Nerhus, Eagan, Minnesota, Scott (Paula) Nerhus, Badger, Iowa and Valori Kay Bross (Brad), West Des Moines, Iowa, and her daughter-in-law Joyce (Terry) Nerhus, Fort Dodge, Iowa. Also cherishing her memory are her fourteen beloved grandchildren: Melanie (David) Boehnke, Lucas (Raena) Nerhus, Austin (Lindsey) Nerhus, Loren Nerhus, Spencer Nerhus, Preston Nerhus, Jacob (Kalee) Nerhus, Kai (Liz) Nerhus, Logan Casady, Lacey Casady, Chase Casady, Grant Casady, Allyna Bross and Valdon Bross. She was equally thankful and proud of her eight great grandchildren: Charles Boehnke, Samuel Boehnke, Greta Boehnke, Graham Nerhus, Harrison Nerhus, Andrew Nerhus, Lily Nerhus, and Sylvia Casady. She is also survived by her sisters Beverly (Dick) Peterson, and Vivian Hanson and many loving nieces and nephews.

Kay's marriage to Brian added to her family Eric, Karl, Brent (Larson) and their respective families.

Kay Charlotte Lowry was born at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Dodge, Iowa, on April 15, 1938, the last of eight children born to Kelly and Viola Lowry. She spent her childhood living in the town of Callender and loved every minute of it. She adored the social aspect of living

in a small town and spending time with her many friends and relatives. She was so proud to grow up across the street from Our Savior's Lutheran church in Callender, where she learned about Jesus and developed her strong Christian Faith.

She enjoyed telling stories of her youth and how fortunate she was to grow up in a loving family who always opened their home to others. She often spoke of her humble beginnings, but was so proud of her family. She was especially proud of her family members who served in the military, both past and present. She graduated from Callender High School in 1955, and attended one year at Fort Dodge Junior College.

Kay and Valdon were married on March 2, 1957 at Badger Lutheran Church in Badger, Iowa. She quickly adapted from small town girl to farmer's wife. She made delicious chocolate cake, large family meals and hosted holiday gatherings. When it came to entertaining, Kay was extremely talented down to every last detail. Her home was always decorated with care, her meals were amazing and she always made every guest feel welcome.

They started farming by Vincent, Iowa and in 1972 moved to the family farm north of Badger, Iowa. She kept busy doing farming tasks, cleaning chicken eggs, and herding pigs. She also drove the corn picker for a number of seasons until smashing the center snoot on a rock, after which she never ran the corn picker again.

Her church, family and community were her life. She served on the board, sang in the choir, participated and led bible studies. One of her favorite activities at Badger Lutheran was preparing and enjoying the annual Norwegian Supper.

Music was her passion, expressed by playing piano, soloist and being an active member in the church choir. Kay was also a soloist at many weddings.

She will leave many great memories by all of the lives she touched

Kay's life was generously given in service to the Lord.

Cemetery

Hovey Cemetery

Badger, IA, 50516

Events

DEC 10 **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

Badger Lutheran Church
Badger, IA, US

DEC 11 **Service** 10:30AM

Badger Lutheran Church
Badger, IA, US

Comments



“ So sorry to hear of your mother's loss. I used to babysit many of you as we lived in the Vincent area. I remember your mother always having a bubbly personality. We missed the Vincent community of friends greatly. With deepest sympathy. (Becky Thompson Rose)

Becky Rose - December 18, 2019 at 09:07 AM



“ My condolences to the family and friends of all those that new and loved Kay. She truly was such a warm and inviting soul that had so much grace and beauty inside and out. Your family will be in my prayers. Hugs to Brian and kids!



Melanie Beckley - December 11, 2019 at 05:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kay Charlotte Nerhus Larson.



December 10, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kay Charlotte Nerhus Larson.



December 10, 2019 at 09:13 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kay Charlotte Nerhus Larson.



December 10, 2019 at 05:57 AM



“ Suzanne Sattler sent a virtual gift in memory of Kay Charlotte Nerhus Larson



Suzanne Sattler - December 10, 2019 at 12:11 AM



“ i remember how welcoming she was when I went home with Valori for Christmas, so lovely and generous, I will never forget her.

Suzanne Sattler - December 10, 2019 at 12:13 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kay Charlotte Nerhus Larson.



December 09, 2019 at 09:38 PM



“ When we moved into the area, Kay welcomed me with open arms and a warm heart, not only because I was her cousin's daughter, but because God had given her the gift of hospitality. Her unique ability to make everyone feel that they belonged and were wanted is an extension of her faith in Jesus as her Savior. Although my heart aches for those she leaves behind, I am happy for her knowing that she is now in the presence of the God that she loves and Who dearly loves her.

Suzanne Fink - December 09, 2019 at 08:22 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Kay Charlotte Nerhus Larson.



December 09, 2019 at 07:31 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kay Charlotte Nerhus Larson.



December 09, 2019 at 05:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kay Charlotte Nerhus Larson.



December 09, 2019 at 05:09 PM



“ Your Athene family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kay Charlotte Nerhus Larson.



Your Athene family - December 09, 2019 at 03:17 PM



“ Kay is a special lady. I'm so happy to be part of her extended family through Melanie and David. Brian my heart is sadden for you. Memories never fade. Thanks so much for the invitation to the Norwegian supper this year. This is a memory that will always stay with me. Love you all, Teresa

Teresa Smith - December 09, 2019 at 01:27 PM



“ Kay has been a special friend to me. We met years ago and shared fun times with all our families. One of my favorite memories was their annual Halloween party with all of our children dressed up and the adults Really went all out. Val planned so many fun games, and of course we always ate. For years Kay and Val hosted and planned many family gatherings. We have great memories of our time together

Carol Eich - December 09, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ Many years ago Kay hosted a Christmas Open House. I remember all the goodies and Kay looking beautiful in the prettiest pink sweater and greeting people with that welcoming smile of hers. Deepest sympathy to the family.

Jan Heesch - December 09, 2019 at 08:06 AM



“ I have so many memories with the Nerhus family. Which were always a fun time! This last year Kay has been especially good to me when I went through my cancer. Her and Brian came to see me. She would take me to lunch so I could get out of the house. In between she was wonderful about sending cards! I'm really going to miss her! Kay always treated me as one of hers. You don't find life long friends like that! You have my deepest sympathy ! All my love the the Nerhus-Larson family!!

Amy Pederson - December 09, 2019 at 03:00 AM