

Lucille Mae Bjerke was born on December 6, 1919 in Rockham, South Dakota to Albert and Florence (Johnson) Hardie. She was the second of six children.

Lucille attended a one room country school for grades 1-8. She graduated from high school in Brandt, South Dakota. Following high school Lucille worked in the Post Office in Clear Lake, SD for five years. She later worked for the Farm Security Office as a secretary and bookkeeper. Lucille was employed by the Selective Service during WWII.

Lucille was united in marriage to Kenneth Bjerke on December 31, 1946. The couple moved to Clear Lake, SD where they owned a Standard Oil Station for nine years. In 1958, Lucille and Ken moved with their three children to Clarissa. They purchased a Coast to Coast Store, which they both owned and operated.

Lucille and Ken moved to Alexandria in 1967, where Lucille worked for Selective Service and Ken worked for 3M. In 1976, Lucille began working for the Farmers Home Administration Office in Alexandria.

Together Lucille and Ken celebrated 63 years of marriage, three children, and four grandchildren.

In July 2006, the decision was made to sell their hobby farm and move to an apartment in Arabella Manor, where they resided for 10 years.

Lucille passed away on March 26, 2019. She is survived by her three children: Craig Bjerke (Esther), Dawn Reed (Larry Ruether), Kathy Walters; four grandchildren: Dustin Walters, Erin Mazzone (Taylor) of Tucson, AZ, Eric Bjerke (Jenny) of Alexandria, Jade Bjerke of St. Cloud; two great grandchildren: Roman Mazzone and Connor Bjerke; siblings: Mavis Stoltenburg and Alvin Hardie.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ken; parents, two brothers and one sister.

Lucille will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved traveling to Arizona with Ken, ballroom and square dancing, gardening and cooking for everyone! Lucille was a devoted member of First Lutheran Church

***For Those I Love,
For Those Who Love Me...***

When I am gone, release me, let me go...

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,

But let my spirit calm your fears,

I gave you my love. You can only guess

How much you gave me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you have shown,

But now it's time I traveled on alone!

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while that we must part,

So bless the memories that lie within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.

So if you need me, call and I will come.

*Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be
near,*

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear

All of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone...

I'll greet you with a smile and say,

"Welcome Home."

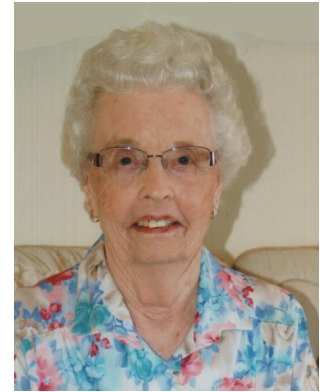
*In Loving
Memory of*

**Lucille Mae
Bjerke**

December 6, 1919



March 26, 2019



Funeral Service

First Lutheran Church

Alexandria, Minnesota

Saturday, March 30, 2019, 2:00 PM

Officiant

Reverend Ben Jacobson

Organist

Randy Morken

Soloist

Dan Olson

Casket Bearers

Lynn Stoltenburg Scott Hardie

Lonnie Stoltenburg Eric Bjerke

Greg Stoltenburg Dustin Walters

Burial

Kinkead Cemetery

Alexandria, Minnesota

Arrangements

Anderson Funeral Home - Alexandria, Minnesota