



Barbara A. Laursen

September 7, 1935 - August 4, 2020

Barbara A. Laursen, 84 of Kearney passed away Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at her home. Memorial services will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 15, 2020 at Family of Christ Lutheran Church on the south lawn with Pastor John Gosswein officiating. Inurnment will take place at Spring Creek Cemetery in rural Ruskin, NE. The family will receive friends 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Saturday at the church. The family strongly encourages each attendee to wear a mask and bring their own chair to the service. The service will be live streamed through the Family of Christ Facebook page.

Barbara Ann (Whiteside) Laursen was born September 7, 1935 to Fredrick Earl and Anna (Spindt) Whiteside in Tulare, CA. She was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waupaca, WI. She graduated from Waupaca High School with the class of 1953. She received a two-year Teacher's Certificate from Dana College in Blair, NE in 1956. On July 28, 1956 she was joined in marriage to Harold Laursen at Atonement Lutheran Church in Chicago, IL. Three children were born to this union, Kathryn, Elizabeth, and James. She took her place as a pastor's wife as a call from God and worked closely with her husband through the years of their ministry.

Barb taught K-1 grades at Kennard, NE and 3rd grade in Sidney, MT. She worked as a teacher's aide/secretary for 23 years in areas where her husband ministered. She served on various committees of the Women of the ELCA and

in the Nebraska Synod and Regional committees. In June of 1995 she was Certified as a Parish Ministry Associate in the Nebraska Synod of the ELCA. After her husband retired from the active ministry, she served as Interim Parish Ministry Associate at Bethany Lutheran in Ruskin, NE, Faith Lutheran in Oberlin, KS, and Our Saviors in McCook, NE. From 1998-2001 she administrated the Parish Ministry Associate program for the Nebraska Synod. She and her husband served Interims together in several congregations in Nebraska. She was a loving wife, mother, grandma, and great grandma and loved her family very much.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Kathryn (Craig) Fulwider, Elizabeth (Jon) Laursen-Roesler and James (Rischa) Laursen; grandchildren, Megan (Justin) Alvis, Nick (Holley) Laursen, Marco Laursen, Matthew Laursen, Jeremiah Laursen, Julian (Liese) Laursen, Maria Roesler, Davina James, Tiana (Robert) Brown, Erica (Darrell) Yelder; great grandchildren, Lily & Olivia Alvis, Roudmaline & Roudly Roesler-Lundy, Robert Jr. and Brysen Davis, Ellia Yelder; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Kaldahl; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband, Harold; sister, Ellen Crum; brother-in-law, Vernon Kaldahl; beloved Godmother, Eva Holst; and nephew, Gary Crum.

Memorials are suggested to Family of Christ Lutheran Church Building Fund or Oaks Indian Center. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Family receiving friends

AUG **15**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Family of Christ Lutheran Church ELC
1319 5th Avenue
Kearney, NE

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara A. Laursen*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Our sincere sympathy to Barb's family. Keeping you in our prayers.
Les & Joetta Brandt*

Les & Joetta Brandt - August 13, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ *Liese, Mark, and Annette Dupre purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barbara A. Laursen.*



Liese, Mark, and Annette Dupre - August 13, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ *Phyllis L Darby purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Barbara A. Laursen.*



Phyllis L Darby - August 11, 2020 at 09:47 PM

LW

“ Barbara and Harold befriended me many years ago when I first come to Nebraska. I'm not even sure, anymore, how we connected. But they were both so incredibly kind and supportive of me through all these years. My heart is with you in your sorrow. May God's peace surround you.

Linda Walz - August 07, 2020 at 04:06 PM

TL

“ Beth, Katie and Jim, we are sorry to hear that your mom passed so soon after your father. Of course, that is probably what she wanted. We have had so many good times with your folks at Dana and then in Dubuque and almost every other place that you lived. We even borrowed your camper while you lived in Jeff City so we could continue our trip to Texas. Your dad was down on hands and knees in the cold and dark hitching up trailer lights. They were ready to share any thing they had. They always had room for one more including our grandson Lucas who stayed over night on his way to the YMCA camp in Colorado. The last time we saw them was in Ripon for the funeral of Carol Jorgensen. Parce was no longer driving but your mom was brave enough to fly and then rent a car and drive on unfamiliar roads. Of course, I don't think there was ever a trip where something didn't go wrong. On that one, your dad forgot I his ID but they let this poor guy and his walker on the plane any way. We will miss them and all the stories and good times. God blessed us with good friends and you with loving parents. Toni and Bill Lawson, Green Bay, WI

Toni & Bill Lawson - August 06, 2020 at 06:07 PM

JP

“ *Barb was like a sister I never had! College roommates and as couples we did everything together and both Dad and Mom were godparents to our son Joel! So many wonderful memories that I will cherish! They were special and loved by our family! Will be thinking of you on the 15th and wish we could be with you! Love and prayers
Katie, Elizabeth, James and all your extended family!*

Joan Petersen - August 06, 2020 at 05:20 PM

BL

Laursen and Lawson. Your dad and I sat next to each other in so many classes in college and seminary and stood next to each other in pictures. Like brothers, which nether of us ever had. So many great memories of such a great guy and a great couple.

Bill Lawson

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Bill Lawson - August 09, 2020 at 06:01 PM