



Leota N. Schledewitz

January 13, 1925 - August 9, 2023

The family of Leota Nadine Schledewitz announce the passing of their dear mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and Aunt, on August 9, 2023, at 98 years of age. A Celebration of Her Life and joyous death will be held at 10:00 AM Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home at 4115 N Avenue in Kearney. Interment will be at 2:00 p.m. at Fort McPherson in Maxwell. Visitation will be held 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 14th at the funeral home.

Leota was born on January 13, 1925 to Martin and Bertha (Lindsey) Brandenburg, as a twin and one of 9 siblings; 7 sisters and 2 brothers. The twins were born in Sumner, Nebraska. Leota attended grade school in the Lexington, Nebraska school system, and she and her twin, Leona, graduated from Lexington High in 1944. During WWII, the twins worked at the Grand Island Ordnance Plant on the TNT sifting line. They quickly became known as the "Twin Sifters". Their work earned them enough money to attend and graduate from The Grand Island School of Beauty.

She was married in Lexington Nebraska to Edward Schledewitz and instantly doubled the size of her family. She became a farm wife who planted large gardens and raised chickens. Her summers were taken up with canning and fruits and vegetables and dressing chickens for the winter. In her years in Gothenburg and Axtell she taught Sunday School at the Lutheran Church.

She wanted to share her love for Christ which was challenging at times with young children but also fulfilling for her. Another challenge at times being the Leader of Blue Birds and Campfire Girls but she loved it. Not only was she a hardworking farm wife and mother she also took the time and cared for and loved on her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren and they will always remember and cherish her.

Leota has 4 children: Karen Cherniss married to Jim and living in Napa California, Edward Jr., married to Gwen and living in Westminster Colorado, William, single and living in York Nebraska, and Jane Fruge, married to Jerry and living in Kearney Nebraska. From these children she has seven grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren, plus one on the way, all of whom she loved dearly. She also leaves behind numerous adoring nieces and nephews who will also miss her smile, her ornery sense of humor and love for a good time!

Leota was the last remaining of her siblings and her husband's siblings. Her twin preceded her in death in 2018, shortly after their 90th birthday that was celebrated by family and friends with a party that was covered by the local TV station.

During their marriage, Ed and Leota traveled frequently to Denver, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco. They made a trip to Europe in 1974 visiting the countries of France, Belgium, Amsterdam, Switzerland and Germany. A highlight of their trip was attending the Oktoberfest in Munich. Also included in their travels was their vacation to Hawaii. In her later years she enjoyed crossword puzzles and Bingo and visits from her family and relatives.

In 2012, Leota was preceded in death by her Husband of 62 years. Ed was in the military and is buried in Fort McPherson National Cemetery in Maxwell. She will be laid to rest with him.

Leota spent the last year of her life at St. Lukes Rest home in Kearney. The family would like to thank the nurses and staff for the excellent care, and to Aseracare Hospice for helping her transition into the loving arms of God.

Rest in Blissful Peace, Mom. You lived a life well deserving of eternal grace.

Cemetery Details

Fort McPherson National Cemetery

12004 State Highway 56A Spur
Maxwell, NE
(308) 582-4433

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-3500
info@osrfh.com
<https://www.osrfh.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

AUG 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Leota N. Schledewitz*



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - August 15, 2023 at 12:36 PM

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“ *Scott Corrine Anderson lit a candle in memory of Leota Schledewitz*



Scott & Corrine Anderson - August 15, 2023 at 08:14 AM

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“ *Aunt Leota, You will surely missed here on earth, but I'm at peace knowing you and mom are back together again. It's definitely going to be a lot quieter down here without you. You will always be in my heart and thoughts. Terry*

Terry Stumpff - August 14, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leota N. Schledewitz.*



August 14, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *The end of an era. The siblings are all together again. Peace.*

Greg Brandenburg - August 14, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ *Bud Carrie Brandenburg lit a candle in memory of Leota Schledewitz*



Bud and Carrie Brandenburg - August 13, 2023 at 05:37 PM



“ *Aunt Leota was always so beautiful, inside and out, until the very end! I always remember seeing her at family gatherings and thinking how "put together" she always, accessorized with coordinating shoes and jewelry! I pray for peace and comfort for each of you when your hearts are missing her!*

Kelly Gregg Henry - August 12, 2023 at 03:44 PM



“ *Kelly Gregg Henry lit a candle in memory of Leota Schledewitz*



Kelly Gregg Henry - August 12, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ *JoAnn Eosse lit a candle in memory of Leota Schledewitz*



JoAnn Eosse - August 11, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *I love you now and forever. I am so happy for you! Your favorite daughter, Karen.*

Karen S Cherniss - August 11, 2023 at 01:03 AM