



LaFern Dierks

June 30, 1924 - June 4, 2013

LaFern Anna Caroline (Nelson) Dierks was born on June 30, 1924 in Kennard, Nebraska to Fred and Mabel (Christensen) Nelson. She grew up on several farms in Washington County, attending various country schools before graduating from Bennington High School in 1942. She was baptized, confirmed and married at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bennington. LaFern's early years were spent helping on the farm and working small jobs in the area. LaFern married Marvin Dierks on September 2, 1944 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bennington and they were blessed with 3 sons: Rick, Doug and Tom. LaFern and Marvin raised their sons on the family farm north of Bennington. After retirement, they moved to Fremont in 1980.

LaFern worked at the Offutt Building D Bomber Plant during World War II and later at Boys Town but first and foremost she was a farm wife. She was a member of the Bennington American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, the Arlington VFW Ladies Auxiliary, the Mid American Dairy Association and the Bennington Women's Club where she held several offices. She tended a large garden and preserved everything that it produced especially wonderful jams and jellies. LaFern loved to cook and bake for her family. She enjoyed bowling, garage sales, and treasured the trips to Germany that she and Marvin were able to take. LaFern took great pride in her family and was always available to assist them.

LaFern was surrounded by numerous family members when passed away on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at the Fremont Area Medical Center after a short

illness at the age of 88 years, 11 months and 6 days. She was preceded in death by her parents Fred and Mabel, husband Marvin, son Rick and brothers Lyle and Fred. LaFern is survived by her sons Doug of Kennard and Tom (Mary) of Crescent, Iowa; 10 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren; brothers Mick (Myrna) Nelson of Omaha and Ike Nelson of Denver, Colorado; sister LaVonne Lewis of San Bernadino, California.

Dierks, LaFern age 88 years of Fremont, NE

Survived by her sons Doug of Kennard and Tom (Mary) of Crescent, Iowa; 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; brothers Mick (Myrna) Nelson of Omaha and Ivan Nelson of Colorado; sister LaVonne Lewis of San Bernadino, California; Visitation Thursday 5 to 8 PM at the funeral home. Funeral Friday 10:30 AM at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bennington; Interment Prairie View Cemetery; Memorials to the Bennington American Legion Auxiliary #266 or Arlington VFW Auxiliary; condolences to www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com
Hadan-Golden-Reichmuth Mortuary
Bennington, NE 402-238-2291

Tribute Wall



“ *LaFern Dierks*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *dear family, Darrell and I have such fond memories of the time we spent living down the road from your folks in the Timm's old place. our well quit for a couple of weeks and we spent lots of time going to your parents for water, they were always so gracious and had us over for meals several times. they also helped us move to our present home way back in 80. LaFern was a great cook and she made some delicious treats with few ingredients. 2 of our favorite summer foods are recipes from her.....vinegar cucumbers and the all-time wonderful wilted lettuce. we talk about her each summer the first time we make either recipe. i know you miss her much, my mom has been gone 3 years and it is still tough. you were lucky to have such a kind lovely lady for your mother. she is smiling down on you all.*

annette and darrell welander - June 02, 2014 at 12:26 PM



“ *dear Dierks family.....we lived down the road from Marvin and LaFern in the 70's by their dairy farm. they were so welcoming and fun to spend time with. LaFern always had some good advice, great cooking and so very gracious. we know you will miss her, we are thinking of you all.*

Darrell & Annette Welander - June 07, 2013 at 12:18 PM

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“ *Our condolences are with the Dierks family. The loss of a cherished member of the family is always a difficult time. I know LaFern was much loved and had a good life, leaving many wonderful memories.*

Tom & Jody Dworak - June 07, 2013 at 11:21 AM

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“ *We were sorry to learn of LaFern's passing. She was always a friendly neighbor on Sandalwood and sometimes she even shared apples from her farm with us! We had some nice visits. She will be missed. Our sympathy to all the family. Sincerely - Bob and Libby Vance*

Libby Vance - June 06, 2013 at 09:07 PM