



LaVerne Alice Mueller

October 20, 1916 - September 22, 2018

Memorials to: Leaders Dogs for the Blind

LaVerne (Denker) Mueller was born October 20, 1916 to John and Mabel (Glandt) Denker on the family farm in Brunswick, Nebraska. They moved several times while LaVerne was growing up. She started school in Elkhorn, then went to Omaha, and finally graduated in Valley in 1936. She worked for Grandpa Denker in the Chevrolet garage as a bookkeeper for several years.

LaVerne met Werner Mueller through his brother, and the two started dating, going to the Millard Ball Room, Peony Park, and the Elkhorn Dance Hall. They were married in the parsonage of St. John's Lutheran Church in Bennington on December 22, 1936. The temperature was 14 degrees below zero.

LaVerne and Werner worked for Grandpa Denker in Denker Chevrolet garage and started Valley Transfer before selling the company in 1947. They lived in Valley for ten years, where Joyce, Merrill, and Monte were born. They lived in seven different houses there. After Joyce's death in 1959, Jim and LaVerne adopted her two daughters, Lori and Lisa. This is when LaVerne went from Grandma to Mommy all over again. She dedicated her entire life to her family who will miss her dearly.

LaVerne and Werner moved to a farm four miles north of Elkhorn. They

farmed for ten years, during which the family had two barn fires, were dried out, hailed out, and had a tornado that took their windmill. They sold the farm and moved to Elkhorn, where Werner and LaVerne worked for several companies. They later bought a welding supply company with George Trapp in Council Bluffs in 1963. They called it Dahl Welding Supply Company. They worked together, and LaVerne was in charge of the books. They sold out in 1980 and retired.

In 1980, they became very involved in helping create the Eagles Club #3943 in Elkhorn. LaVerne was a chartered member and served as the first Past President. They both held offices all those years. In 1996, Werner was voted a State Father of the Year, and LaVerne was voted State Grandmother of the Year. This was quite an honor to be picked out of the entire state of Nebraska for these offices. In 2001, they retired as officers of the Club.

LaVerne passed away on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at Life Care Center of Elkhorn at the age of 101 years, 11 months, and 2 days. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Joyce; husband, Werner; her parents, John and Mabel, and sister, Lorraine. She is survived by her sons, Merrill of Mead and Monte (Sandy) of Yutan; daughters, Lori (Steve) Gottsch of Elkhorn and Lisa (Donny) O'Dell of Elkhorn; 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandson.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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Family will receive friends

SEP **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

SEP **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Bethany Lutheran Church
4200 N 204th Street
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Tribute Wall



“ *LaVerne Alice Mueller*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *LaVerne Was A Very nice person. Live my her in Elkhorn,Ne.
Don and Jim was on the fire department at same time.
We have some good times together.
She will miss many.
Norma Vasek*

Norma Vasek - September 25, 2018 at 10:39 AM



“ *I have known LaVerne most of my life, Jim and Rick were on the fire department together years ago and we ladies were in the auxiliary. We had lots of fun over the years and I have nothing but love and respect for this beautiful lady. I have been giving communion, prayers and visits to her for lots of years as she couldn't get out to get to church. We had become so close over these years and I will miss her so much. We always had a laugh together as she loved to say to me after she took the wine that "it tastes like moreish". I told her the Lord wouldn't mind, but she said no, I better not. I will treasure all the memories I have of her in my heart and when she passed a little piece of my heart went with her. She was ready to meet her Lord and be with all her family. Blessed to have known her and love her. Prayers for peace and love.
Marie*

Marie Witt - September 25, 2018 at 09:30 AM