



Our Family



*Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of His saints.*

— Psalm 116:15

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away. — Revelation 21:4

OFFICIATES

Sr. Pastor David Jahn – *Officiating*
Pastor Jacob Knoedler – *Pastor Emeritus*
Sis. Michelle Collins – *Assisting*

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Lindsay Pearson / Carrie Lee
Reggie Holmes / Torin Blumhagen
Kyrra Miller / Garrett Miller

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Family Members and Friends

INTERMENT

Monona City Cemetery
[Immediate family members only, please]
Pleasant Ridge Road, Monona, IA

RECEPTION [JANUARY 21]

Immediately following the Memorial Service, a reception will be held at Advent Lutheran Church.



APPRECIATION

We, the family of the late Bernadine Adele Blumhagen, truly thank God for each and every one of you. Your outpouring of prayers, love, kindness and support have sustained us throughout the passing of our loved one.

We take comfort in 1 Corinthians 2:9...

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love him.”

— The Family

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Bernadine Adele Blumhagen



“Bernie”

SUNRISE
July 20, 1932

SUNSET
January 13, 2012

To the pure
in heart, all
things are pure.

— Titus 1:15a

Saturday, January 21, 2012

MEMORIAL SERVICE – 1pm

Advent Lutheran Church

7550 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne, FL 32940

Saturday, January 28, 2012

VISITATION – 2pm to 5pm

Leonard-Grau Funeral Home

Monona, IA 52159

A Legacy™

a heritage: character qualities, memoirs ...

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

– 2 Timothy 4:7-8



MRS.

Bernadine Adele Blumhagen

“To the pure in heart, all things are pure” ...that verse was personified in the person of Bernadine Adele Blumhagen as much as any person could be. Her kindness and her innocence, her *graciousness* must truly have been pleasing to God. Bernie joined the Church Triumphant when she passed away peacefully on Friday, January 13, surrounded by family at her daughter’s home.

Bernadine was born in Grand Meadow Township in Iowa on July 20, 1932 to William and Amelia (Hamann) Kugel. She was baptized on August 14, 1932 and confirmed April 18, 1946 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Postville. She grew up in the day of the one-room school house, and spent 9 years at the Bailey Country School. She then went on to attend public school in Postville and graduated from Postville High School in 1950.

She was united in marriage to Ronald C. Blumhagen on September 30, 1951. Ron and Bernie farmed just south of Monona, Iowa for many years. During this time, Bernie was very involved at their church, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Monona. Besides serving on the Church Council, she also served as President of the local ALCW, and as President of the Decorah Conference ALCW. From 1977-80, she served as the Iowa District ALCW President and was a member on the District ALC Council and the National ALCW Board. Bernie also worked as an aide at the Monona Pre-School for eighteen years.



Bernie enjoyed traveling and a couple of those highlights included a trip to the Holy Land in 1973 with a group from St. Paul’s. Bernie and Ron also got to experience a trip to Japan involving an exchange program with a church there. They spent many weekends antiquing [though Bernie often took a book along to read...just in case!] Bernie loved supporting the Iowa Hawkeyes, but her fiercest loyalty was saved for her Chicago Cubs!

Ron and Bernie were only weeks away from a permanent move to Florida when Ron passed away unexpectedly in September of 1995.

Since the plan was already in place, Bernie chose to move down to Melbourne anyway, to be close to her family. She soon became a member of Advent Lutheran Church in Melbourne.

Because of her love of singing, she quickly joined the choir, just as she had been a member of the choir in her home church in Iowa. Bernie volunteered in many different areas at Advent, including leading the Woman’s Bible Study for many years.

Bernie was preceded in death by her **husband** – Ron; her parents – William and Amelia Kugel; her **brothers** – Donald & Vernon Kugel; and her **sister** – Eunice Torson.

Those surviving to cherish her memory include her **son** – Jon (Earline) Blumhagen, her **daughters** – Jyl (Dennis) Lee and Cressa (Don) Miller; her beloved **grandchildren** – Lindsay (Clint) Pearson, Carrie Lee, Torin Blumhagen, Kyrra and Garrett Miller, Reggie Holmes, Sabrina Doggett, Alaina Mitchell, and Melisha Battle; **1 sister** – Gertrude (Keith) Lee; **3 sisters-in-law** – Margaret Kugel, Wilma Kugel, Joanita (Dan) Schweikert; **1 brother-in-law** – Ray (Dorothy) Suckow; and a host of **nieces, nephews, cousins**, other relatives and friends.

Bernie was always smiling and always had a kind word for everyone. She was known as “The Card Lady” because she always remembered everyone’s birthday! Bernie had a genuine love for the Lord and a generous spirit.

In 1994, she was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease. However, she never let it stop her and continued her morning walks until this past October. Because three out of five siblings in her family were diagnosed with the disease, an ongoing research study is taking place at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. To this end, Bernie, as a final unselfish act, donated her brain and part of her brain stem to this research. So in lieu of flowers, she would appreciate donations given to **Mayo Clinic Parkinson’s Research** c/o Dr. Ryan Uitti, 4500 San Pablo Road, Jacksonville, FL 32224. Donations may also be sent to **Advent Lutheran Church**, 7550 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne, FL 32940 or to **Wuesthoff Hospice**, 8060 Spyglass Hill Road, Viera, FL 32940

‘Mom, maybe you can help your Chicago Cubs win the pennant this year! You will be missed more than words can express!’

YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE – written by Kyrra Miller (granddaughter)

*Grandma, you were always there to wipe away my tears.
You were always in the nick of time to catch me when I fell.
You were there to say “I’ll protect you,”
And there to say “I love you.”
Now you are gone, to a place full of light.
Rest now in peace, with Grandpa by your side.*



Micah 6:8

No, oh people, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what He requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

Bernie with her parents and her siblings: Vernon, Donald, Eunice, and Gertrude