



## Bernice "Bea" M. Santala

September 9, 1924 - August 26, 2013

Bernice "Bea" M. Santala, 88 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Monday, August 26, 2013 at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls. Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, August 30, 2013 at Zion Lutheran Church in Little Falls with Rev. Gary Hendrickson officiating. Burial will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 PM on Thursday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls and one hour prior to the service on Friday at the church.

Bernice "Bea" M. (Oja) Santala was born on September 9, 1924 in Idington, MN to the late August and Amanda Oja. Bea attended school and graduated in the Angora, MN area. She was united in marriage to Edwin "Ed" Santala on January 13, 1946 in Duluth, MN. Ed was a supervisor for DeLaval for many years and so the couple lived in many locations and settled in Little Falls in 1959 to raise their family. Bea worked for many years for J.C. Penney, she was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, American Legion Ladies Auxiliary in Little Falls and volunteered many years at St. Otto's Care Center. Bea enjoyed crocheting many afghans for family and friends, knitting her special dishcloths, watching sports, fishing and baking. Bea also had a special love for all the family pets and sneaked the dogs quite a few treats! She had a love for music and very much enjoyed spending time with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren for many family events. Bea had recently moved to Bridgeway Estates to a new apartment and enjoyed the many old and new friends she had there. She was especially fond of her Finnish heritage and lutefisk was served for every Christmas. Bea is survived by her sons, Chuck and (Faye) Santala of Little Falls, MN, Richard (Nancy) Santala of Denver, CO, Ken (Linda) Santala of Little Falls, MN and Tom (Diane) Santala of Sartell, MN; grandchildren, Sara (Dave) Lester, Jeremy (Amanda) Santala, Ricky Santala, Mike (Jessie) Santala, Bradley Santala & special friend, Lindsay, Mindy Santala and special friend, Kyle, Josh Santala, Benji Santala and special friend, Erin; great-grandchildren of Mumu are Braxten, Ellie and Jace Santala and Kiptyn Lester; many special relatives on the Iron Range. Bea was preceded in death by her parents, August and Amanda; husband, Edwin (Ed) Santala; sisters, Ida, Jean, Ila, Mae and Signe; brothers, Wayne and Jack. Pallbearers will be Bea's grandchildren, Sara Lester, Jeremy Santala, Bradley Santala, Mindy Santala, Josh Santala and Benji Santala. Bea will be greatly missed by all that loved and knew her. A

special thank you to all that gave Bea (our mom) such great care in her final days with us.

# Cemetery Details

## Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115  
Little Falls, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls  
214 2nd Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

## Visitation

AUG **30**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church - Little Falls  
411 3rd Avenue NE  
Little Falls, MN

## Service

AUG **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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411 3rd Avenue NE  
Little Falls, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernice "Bea" M. Santala*



**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - August 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bernice "Bea" M. Santala*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *We just heard of Bea's passing tonight by email from Dan Flicker. What a great video. We have so many fond memories of Ed and Bea. The many trips to the lake and the wonderful times we had at their home in Little Falls. They have both been in our thoughts so many times over the years. We say good bye to a wonderful friend and send sympathy to the family. Len and Leona Skeate. Sun Lakes Arizona.*

**Leonard Skeate** - September 10, 2013 at 10:02 PM



“ *Beautiful video tribute for a beautiful lady! Nothing but good memories of Auntie Bea, here's to a life well lived! Love you! Julie, Joe, Jake, Matt and Livy Gonzales*

**Julie Gonzales** - August 31, 2013 at 11:59 AM



“ *Only one way to say good-bye to a wonderful woman and friend, who was like a 2nd mother to me back in the day!!! " Mina raskastan sinua " in English "I will miss You" Love Danny Waldvogel*

**Danny Waldvogel** - August 29, 2013 at 03:26 PM



*Lovely message big brother, miss you and love you! Faye*

**Faye** - August 29, 2013 at 10:28 PM

SL

“ Sandra LaBarre purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Bernice "Bea" M. Santala.



Sandra LaBarre - August 29, 2013 at 02:30 PM

FG

“ Fred, Mari, Renee, Tracey, Dustin and girls purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Bernice "Bea" M. Santala.



Fred, Mari, Renee, Tracey, Dustin and girls - August 29, 2013 at 12:13 AM

TB

“ The Ladies At US Bank lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bea" M. Santala



the Ladies at US Bank - August 28, 2013 at 03:22 PM

TE

“ Terry lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bea" M. Santala



Terry - August 28, 2013 at 01:12 PM

RC

“ Our thoughts are with all of you. Mike and Renee Christensen, Hudson Wisconsin.

renee christensen - August 27, 2013 at 08:53 PM

M(

“ Mike & Bev Gangl (Zak) lit a candle in memory of Bernice  
"Bea" M. Santala



Mike & Bev Gangl (Zak) - August 27, 2013 at 08:38 PM

DF

“ Dan & Connie Fenske lit a candle in memory of Bernice  
"Bea" M. Santala



Dan & Connie Fenske - August 27, 2013 at 07:42 PM

JB

“ Jeri Betts lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bea" M.  
Santala



Jeri Betts - August 27, 2013 at 06:19 PM

JM

“ Our prayers and thoughts go out to your family during this  
difficult time.



Jill MacKissock - August 27, 2013 at 02:54 PM

SO

“ Shirley Olson lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bea" M.  
Santala



Shirley Olson - August 27, 2013 at 02:53 PM

SO

*Thinking of you all and sending our hugs! Stick and Shirley*

**Shirley Olson** - August 27, 2013 at 02:54 PM

NG

“ *Nancy Gerads lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bea" M. Santala*



**Nancy Gerads** - August 27, 2013 at 02:51 PM

RH

“ *Rich And Judy Herman lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Bea" M. Santala*



**Rich and Judy Herman** - August 27, 2013 at 12:09 PM