



Esther A. Barber

April 9, 1928 - May 20, 2024

Esther A. Barber passed away peacefully at the Little Falls Care Center in the early morning hours of Monday, May 20, 2024, at the age of 96. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Swanville, MN, at 11:00 A.M., with Pastor Tim Schmeisser officiating. Visitation will be held Monday, May 27, 2024, from 4:00-7:00 P.M., at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Swanville, and again on Tuesday from 10:00-11:00 A.M. at the church. Burial will take place in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery following the service. In lieu of flowers, we ask that memorials be directed to EEI in honor of her grandson, David and in memory of her great-nephew, Joey or a memorial of your choice. Caring for Esther and her family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Swanville.

Esther A. Axel was born on April 9, 1928 in Culdrum Township at the home of her parents, August and Freada (Koschnick) Axel. She was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in rural Swanville, MN. She attended school at School District 60 from first through eighth grades and then Swanville High School. Her Mother had passed away in 1945 and since she was the oldest child still at home, it was left to her to help her Pa with the care of her younger siblings, Lawrence, Edna and Donald. She married Alfred Dickmann on November 24, 1947 and they moved to Pierz, MN. Alfred passed away in 1948 and she then moved back to the farm to continue to care for younger siblings; all of whom lived with her at various times after her

Pa passed away on July 17, 1948. Edna and Donnie called her "Ma" well into their adult lives. She married Eddie Barber on February 28, 1949 and lived in Swanville until 1964 when they purchased a farm about 2 miles west of Swanville. Eddie passed away on June 7, 1978 and she remained on the farm until 1989, when she moved to the Swanville Apartments. She was a janitress at the Swanville School for 33 1/2 years, retiring on June 1, 2000. She enjoyed dancing the polka with her siblings at her brother Don's bar, listening to music, crossword puzzles of many kinds, reading and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She never missed an occasion to send cards to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends, reading each card so that it would have the perfect verse for the recipient.

Esther is survived by her daughter, Dianne (Bruce) Krousey; son, David "Buzz" (Jean) Barber; grandchildren, Karen and Brian (Zubeyde) Krousey and Michael (Mandy) and David Barber; great-grandchildren, Jayden and Shelby Barber and Cole and Caleb Krousey; brother, Rhienhold Axel; and sister-in-law, Virginia Axel; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, August and Freada Axel; husbands, Alfred Dickmann and Eddie Barber; brothers, Lawrence, August (Millie), Walter (Doris) and Donald Axel; sisters, Erna (Walter) Dickmann, Hattie (Dick) Barton, Emma (Roy) Hanson, Amanda (Herman) Fritz, Frieda (Joe) Kedrowski, Edna (Jerry) Golombiecki; as well as son, Michael and great-grandson, Connor.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery

Swanville, MN 56382

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church - Swanville
502 Berkey Avenue
Swanville, MN

Visitation

MAY 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church - Swanville
502 Berkey Avenue
Swanville, MN

Funeral Service

MAY 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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502 Berkey Avenue
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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Esther A. Barber*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - May 23, 2024 at 06:28 PM



“ *92 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - May 23, 2024 at 02:25 PM



“ *Swanville will miss Esther. She was such a kind friendly lady.*

Amber Loven-Brown - May 23, 2024 at 08:40 AM

JH

“ Jerry And Julie Hollermann sent a virtual gift in memory of Esther A. Barber



Jerry and Julie Hollermann - May 22, 2024 at 02:24 PM

HP

“ Esther was a great friend to me and my mother. Mom liked sending rolls up to her when she baked. Mom couldn't do stairs, so I would take them up. Esther always wanted to know how I was doing? She was so easy to talk too. Her unfailing love and joy 😊 for grandson David was her greatest legacy. God bless your journey 🙏 home to Heaven Esther

Helen Pfeffer - May 22, 2024 at 09:58 AM

SA

“ Diane,Buzzy, and Family, We're so sorry to hear about your Mom. She was a very friendly and witty lady, and loved to joke around. She will be greatly missed by all. You have our deepest sympathy. Sandie and Glenn Klimmek

Sandie - May 22, 2024 at 08:54 AM

KG

“ Kathryn Gessell lit a candle in memory of Esther A. Barber



Kathryn Gessell - May 21, 2024 at 10:54 PM

CL

“ Cheryl Llambrecht lit a candle in memory of
Esther A. Barber



cheryl Llambrecht - May 21, 2024 at 10:27 PM