



Leona T. Gruber

March 21, 1928 - January 3, 2020

Leona T. Gruber, 91 year old resident of Pierz, MN, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Friday, January 3, 2020 at the Pierz Villa. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 AM on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz, with Father Kenneth Popp and Deacon John Wocken officiating. Burial will be in the St. Joseph parish cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 PM to 8 PM on Tuesday and from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM Wednesday at Shelley Funeral Chapel in Pierz. Christian Mothers will pray the Rosary at 4:30 PM on Tuesday.

Leona was born on March 21, 1928 in Granite Township to the late Paul and Catherine (Weidenbach) Dahmen. Leona grew up in Granite Township, and attended school at the country school in the area up until 8th grade. Leona was united in marriage to Melvin Gruber on June 2, 1948. In 1953, they purchased a farm east of Pierz. In 1989, they purchased a home in Pierz until moving into an apartment at Kamnic in 2004. In her free time, Leona enjoyed quilting, baking, playing cards, gardening, and cooking up a storm for family and friends for many occasions. Leona often volunteered at the Pierz Villa, and had cooked for many funeral luncheons. She was also active in the Christian Mothers for over 50 years.

Left to cherish her memory are sons, Kevin (Mary Jo) Gruber of Baxter, MN, Dale (Dianne) Gruber of St. Cloud, MN, Mark (Gwen) Gruber of Pierz, MN,

James (Nancy) Gruber of Pierz, MN, and Blaise (Brenda) Gruber of Sauk Rapids, MN; sister-in-law, Delores Dahmen of Dearborn, MI; 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Leona was preceded in death by husband Melvin in 2014; parents, Paul and Catherine Dahmen; brothers, Erhart, Herb, Reinhard, and Virgil; and sister, Margaret.

The family wishes to thank the Pierz Villa staff and hospice for their great care of Leona.

In Lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to the hospice of your choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Pierz, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Pierz
202 Main St. South
Pierz, MN

Visitation

JAN 8. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Pierz
202 Main St. South
Pierz, MN

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
68 North Main Street
Pierz, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Leona T. Gruber*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leona T. Gruber.*



January 07, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ *From your work family at KOMA purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Leona T. Gruber.*



From your work family at KOMA - January 07, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ *Greg & everyone at Simonson Lumber purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Leona T. Gruber.*



Greg & everyone at Simonson Lumber - January 07, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Leona T. Gruber.



January 07, 2020 at 09:36 AM



“ *Sending prayers*



Kelly Voltin Thomsen - January 06, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Leona T. Gruber.



January 06, 2020 at 07:37 PM

JM

“ My sympathy to you, Leona's boys, and your families at the death of your Mom, Leona. I remember her as the spunky female in a family dominated by boys/men (with just one sister): your Grandpa, Paul, your uncles, and then marrying your Dad, Mel, and together raising a family of 5 boys. A long time ago, she was one of a small, but select group known as the "Dahmen Girls". I remember hearing of her generous hospitality and the wonderful meals she served to your uncles and aunt when visited with their families from out-of-state. That continued until they were no longer able to travel and she was the last in her family. I last saw her at Claude's funeral almost 3 years ago. We laughed later when we realized that we had sat next to each other at the Mass but didn't recognize one another. Her sons (you looked so familiar!), pointed that out to her and we had a nice visit after. So she has gone to be with all the relatives who have been waiting for her. May you enjoy all those wonderful memories of her and keep telling the stories about her to your grandkids. May she rest in peace (and no skimping on the funeral lunch!)

Jan (Dahmen) and Bob Maciej

Jan Maciej - January 06, 2020 at 06:04 PM

YJ

“ Your friends at J&B purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Leona T. Gruber.



Your friends at J&B - January 06, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leona T. Gruber.*



January 06, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ *Leona was one the spunkiest lady I ever met. I would come a pick her up when I was not working take her to our mutual friends home Geri and Al to play cards and eat a meal. Enjoyed driving with her in my car as she would tell me the history of the Pierz area. She will be missed but know she did leave her mark on several of us she touched.*

Kathy Childress Huddle - January 04, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ *Darlene Pick lit a candle in memory of Leona T. Gruber*




Darlene Pick - January 04, 2020 at 06:21 PM

WW

“ My parents (Charles and Agnes Tabatt) lived at the Villa for a couple years before they passed away, my momma always thought so highly of Leona, she was always very kind and treated everyone very well! Rest sweet lady! Greet my daddy and momma and tell them their Family misses them very much!



Wendy Waltman - January 04, 2020 at 04:57 PM

 Nancy Stuckmayer

“ Nancy Stuckmayer lit a candle in memory of Leona T. Gruber



Nancy Stuckmayer - January 04, 2020 at 02:28 PM

JG

“ Jim & Ginger Grittner lit a candle in memory of Leona T. Gruber



Jim & Ginger Grittner - January 04, 2020 at 11:49 AM

JP

“ John And Darlene Preimesberger lit a candle in memory of Leona T. Gruber



john and darlene preimesberger - January 04, 2020 at 11:44 AM

PR

“ *Paula & Dean Rocheleau lit a candle in memory of Leona T. Gruber*



Paula & Dean Rocheleau - January 04, 2020 at 11:23 AM

MW

“ *Mike & Pearl Wilson lit a candle in memory of Leona T. Gruber*



Mike & Pearl Wilson - January 04, 2020 at 09:45 AM

DH

“ *Dennis & Janice Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Leona T. Gruber*



Dennis & Janice Hoffman - January 04, 2020 at 09:39 AM

BP

“ *Bill & Lori Przybilla sent a virtual gift in memory of Leona T. Gruber*



Bill & Lori Przybilla - January 04, 2020 at 08:28 AM



“ *LRoy & Peggy Hoheisel sent a virtual gift in memory of Leona T. Gruber*



LRoy & Peggy Hoheisel - January 04, 2020 at 07:54 AM