

Loretta M. Pelzer

October 20, 1928 - September 7, 2019

Loretta M. Pelzer, 90 year old resident of Swanville, MN passed away Saturday, September 7, 2019 at CentraCare Health in Long Prairie, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Swanville, MN with Father Ron Dockendorf officiating. Burial will take place in the St. John the Baptist Parish Cemetery in Swanville, MN. A visitation will take place from 4-8 P.M. on Wednesday and from 10-11 A.M. on Thursday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Swanville, MN. A parish prayer service will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday evening. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Swanville, MN.

Loretta Marie Drew was born on October 20, 1928, in Flint, Michigan to the parents of William and Cecelia (Ringwelski) Drew. She attended country school in Darling Township, District 35, with her last four years at St. Francis High School, graduating from there in 1946. After high school, she attended one year of teacher training in Little Falls, and then went on to teach country school for the next 10 years in Morrison County. On August 5, 1954 she married Lawrence Pelzer at St. James Catholic Church in Randall. After raising her family, she decided to pursue a teaching degree, which she attained in 1970 at St. Cloud State University. She then became a second-grade teacher at the Swanville Elementary School. She lived and believed in

the motto, "We live a life by what we give." Nothing took priority over her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as she took great pride in all their accomplishments. For over 65 years of her life, she was a self-taught organist and music director in churches at Randall, Flensburg and Swanville. She was also involved in Christian Women and Mission work. On October 28, 1993, Bishop Hanus presented a Medal of Honor for her work in the music ministry for 50 years of service.

Loretta is survived by her children, Patrick (Teresa) of Long Prairie, MN, Charles (Christine) of Swanville, MN, Denise Welters of Long Prairie, MN, Paul (Charee) of Swanville, MN and Brian (Mary) of Long Prairie, MN; 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; brother, Dennis Drew of Coon Rapids, MN, and sister, Patricia Ritter of Anoka, MN.

Loretta was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence; her parents, William and Cecelia, and brothers, Eugene and Leonard.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Baptist Cemetery - Swanville, MN

Swanville, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Swanville
12 First Street
Swanville, MN

Visitation

SEP 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Swanville
12 First Street
Swanville, MN

Funeral Service

SEP 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Swanville
12 First Street
Swanville, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Loretta M. Pelzer*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - September 10, 2019 at 11:03 AM

HP

*Mothers never really leave us! They just direct us from Heaven💕💕
God Bless you all. Helen Pfeffer*

Helen Pfeffer - September 17, 2019 at 09:48 PM



“ *Loretta M. Pelzer*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Loretta M. Pelzer.*



September 10, 2019 at 06:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Loretta M. Pelzer.*



September 10, 2019 at 02:51 PM



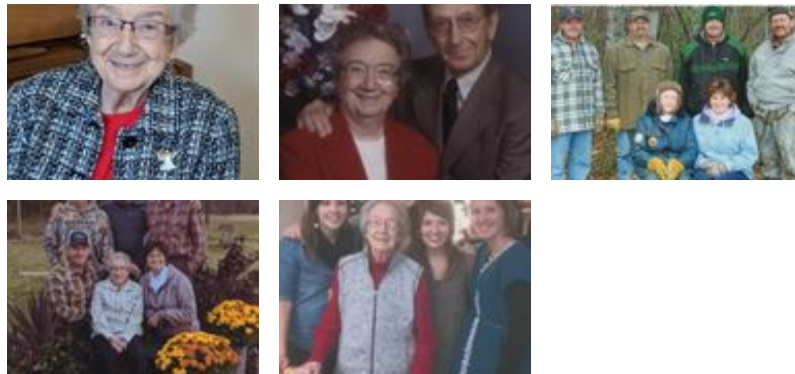
“ *3 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - September 10, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ *53 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - September 10, 2019 at 11:02 AM

JA

“ Thoughts and prayers to the whole family. She was a wonderful teacher, who holds a special place in my heart.



Joan (Hartwig) Anderson - September 09, 2019 at 11:28 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loretta M. Pelzer.



September 09, 2019 at 09:50 PM

GH

“ Pelzer Family: We always enjoyed watching her play in church. She would sway to the music. You knew she loved what she was doing. I think I can remember getting a few socks in the arm after helping her. What a lady! May your happy memories get you through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Julie & Jerry

GERALD E HOLLERMANN - September 09, 2019 at 06:31 PM

RC

“ Ron And Janice Czech lit a candle in memory of Loretta M. Pelzer



Ron and Janice Czech - September 09, 2019 at 05:23 PM

GC

“ Gregg & Leone Chirhart lit a candle in memory of Loretta M. Pelzer



Gregg & Leone Chirhart - September 09, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Loretta M. Pelzer.



September 09, 2019 at 02:58 PM

MN

“ Loretta was so generous with her time and musical ability. She filled in a number of times at funerals or week-end masses at St. Joseph's in Grey Eagle. It is because of Loretta that we have used the beautiful hymn "Come Home" at all our funerals! Rest in Peace, Loretta!

from: Peggy Newberg, Grey Eagle

Margaret E Newberg - September 09, 2019 at 01:53 PM

AA

“ Loretta will surely never be forgotten! She was the most gentle, and fun-loving woman! My sympathies to you call as you grieve this great loss, always carry the many great memories in your heart, to help you through the hard days! May she rest in peace!

Angie & Justin Athman - September 09, 2019 at 12:09 PM

RC

“ *Rob & Pam Czech lit a candle in memory of Loretta M. Pelzer*



Rob & Pam Czech - September 08, 2019 at 03:07 PM

BS

“ *I always enjoyed delivering Loretta's meals on wheels! She was a grand lady!!*

Brenda Schmidt - September 08, 2019 at 01:47 PM