



Bernice Ruth Schmidt

March 30, 1926 - August 2, 2013

Bernice Schmidt, 87, longtime Moses Lake resident and former school teacher, passed away Friday, August 2, 2013. She was staying at Emeritus Hearthstone in Moses Lake. A viewing will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Thursday August 8, 2013 at Grace Lutheran Church, 303 E. Nelson Road. Funeral Services will follow at 11 a.m. Grace Lutheran will also be hosting a reception in her honor shortly after the completion of services. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

Bernice was born March 30, 1926 in Anthon Iowa, daughter of the late Vester and Wilma Hayworth. She was married to the late L.M. "Schmitt" Schmidt on June 24, 1945 in Battle Creek, IA. Bernice worked for many years in various elementary schools such as Merville, IA; Smithland, IA; Logan, IA; Plattsburg, NY; Anchorage, AK; Moses Lake, WA. She also served regularly as a volunteer in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) and was elected president of the Alaska/Washington chapter of the LWML. Bernice faithfully played the organ throughout the years at the various churches where she was a member and taught Sunday school classes.

In 1974, Bernice and Schmitt moved to Moses Lake where Bernice continued her teaching within the Moses Lake School District. Bernice was active within the community serving to organize community concerts, participating at various local events as a volunteer, and actively serving as a member of Grace Lutheran Church. Bernice retired from teaching; however,

she continued to actively participate in the Retired Teachers Association, LWML and other community organizations. She also assisted as an after school volunteer at Moses Lake School District.

Bernice enjoyed reading, cooking, entertaining and playing the organ both at home and at the many congregations she attended. She also played the organ at many special events and blessed the lives of many with her gift.

She is survived by one son, LPaul Schmidt; one daughter, Mary Lou Patterson; three brothers, Glen Hayworth, Ron Hayworth, Dale Hayworth; one sister Norma Oakes; four grandchildren, Brad Comley, Kristofor Okita, Heidi Schmidt and Heather Schmidt; and three great grandchildren, Robert Louis Comley, Wyatt Heber Green and Ella Kathryn Green.

She was preceded in death by her husband L.M. "Schmitt" Schmidt; daughter Cynthia Comley; four brothers, Stanley Hayworth, Dean Hayworth, Frank Hayworth and Leslie Hayworth; and one sister, Betty Thompson.

Memorials may be made to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League online at <http://www.lwml.org/donate/> or by check to LWML, P.O. Box 411993, St. Louis, MO 63141-1993.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

Grace Lutheran Church
303 E. Nelson Road
Moses Lake, WA

Service

AUG 8. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Rest in piece , I wished we meet in Egypt but sure we we will meet in Heaven beside our Lord. God give patient to dears Dina, Sonya and Nabil Nagwa, Onsy###imported-begin##Onsy samuel###imported-end##

August 14, 2013 at 01:54 PM



“ Bernice was a wonderful lady who dedicated her time to play music for our residents over the years that I was an Activities Director. Later she made sure we always had plenty of magazines and reading materials for our resident. She was a kind & caring person, I always looked forward to her monthly visit. RIP Bernice, I will think of you often.###imported-begin##Debbie J. Sharp###imported-end##

August 12, 2013 at 02:50 PM



“ Bernice was a dear friend for so many years, as well as a beloved member of our congregation and organist when Dan served as pastor at Grace in Moses Lake. We had a lot of conversations over those years, often talking about her family. She loved her children so much and missed "Schmitt" terribly. I also shared a love of LWML with Bernice and enjoyed good times at conventions. Dan's mother had been her corresponding secretary when Bernice served as LWML District president, and often talked about the fun trips they took together to meetings, often in the motorhome with Schmitt driving.

Our deepest condolences to your family. We loved Bernice, but do know she is now at peace with Her Lord and Savior.###imported-begin##Dan & Ella Kunkel###imported-end##

August 09, 2013 at 02:44 PM



“ *Bernice was my Grandmother. I didn't know her very well, but she is loved and will be missed. Love you Grandma!##imported-begin##Heidi (Schmidt) Panichello##imported-end##*

August 08, 2013 at 02:25 PM



“ *Bernice was a lovely lady and we were very glad we were able to know her. We are very thank-you for her friendship with Gordon Ebbert she was a great friend to him. God Be with you and yours##imported-begin##Don & Dolly Grogan##imported-end##*

August 07, 2013 at 09:25 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for Brad and the family's lost. She would come and we would talk about you Brad. May god bless you all in your time of grief. All of you know that she is now watching over all of you. Please go on and make her proud. God bless you all.##imported-begin##TINA VASQUEZ##imported-end##*

August 07, 2013 at 08:22 PM



“ Bernice was my Aunt, and I'm feeling some guilt because of not making it for her funeral. However, I've always thought of funerals as more for the living than the passed. I don't go to pay respects to the departed but rather to console those left behind. So I will try to accomplish that via this message to Paul and Mary Lou. I remember Aunt Bernice for who she was, what she meant to you and the rest of our family. How she laughed, and how she cried. The good things she did, as well as the infuriating things she did. I will always remember her traveling to Oregon with Mom, Dad, my brother Mark and myself...a trip filled with many surprises and a lot of fun. I will also remember spending a week with her in California shortly after her gall bladder surgery. I will just say traveling after surgery was not the best for her, and leave it at that. She was my Aunt, and she will be missed. Family is one of the most important part of our life. So to Paul and May Lou, I say treasure the tears, treasure the laughter, but most importantly, treasure the memories of your Mother.##imported-begin##Merlin Thompson##imported-end##

August 07, 2013 at 04:54 PM



“ Bernice touched me so much by her kindness and her stories. She was a amazing person who loved her grandson so much always talked about him. She loved her apple fritters! Take comfort in knowing how many lives she touched and all your precious memories , I am so glad she is finally reunited with her daughter and husband whom she missed alot##imported-begin##Donna Anderson##imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 04:07 PM