



## **BERNICE JOYCE DOERING**

June 23, 1934 - May 6, 2024

Bernice Joyce (Sivesind) Doering, age 89 of Caledonia, MN passed away peacefully in her home with family at her side. “Bea” was born June 23, 1934 to Gladys and Henry Sivesind. Bea graduated from Spring Grove High School where she was active in choir and theater. Her father died in her senior year. After high school, Bea was recruited by Dr. Ahlfs to be his assistant in the Caledonia Clinic. While Bea was waitressing at C&D Cafe, she met the love of her life, Harley. They married in 1955 and moved to Anchorage, Alaska (1956-1959) where Harley was stationed in the Air Force. There, they helped found the Lutheran Church of Hope. Faith was an important part of Bea’s life and church was that cornerstone. She sang in church choirs, taught Sunday School, chaired the meatball supper, delivered “Meals on Wheels” and was a member of the Altar Guild, the quilting group, and church circle.

Bea and Harley moved to St. Paul, MN in 1959 and in 1961, Bea’s mother Gladys married Howard Doering. They moved to Caledonia to begin dairy farming in 1967. Bea was proud of her ability to raise dairy calves and produce top quality Grade A milk. A farmer for 30 years, Bea held many roles including wife, mother, daughter, and cook extraordinaire. Bea was the keeper of the kitchen who loved both to entertain and to bring her delicious Lutheran Church Lady casseroles to many. Everyone was welcome at her table. Her kitchen was her pride and joy as was feeding her family and friends. To this end, the Homemakers group was an important way to socialize with other

couples. Bea was highly involved with her children and grandchildren's activities. She strongly encouraged higher education with her children and grandchildren. Bea valued traveling with her family in the US and abroad. In retirement, Bea loved the warmth of many years of good weather and friendship as "Winter Texans". Most recently, Bea and Harley celebrated 69 years of marriage.

Bea is survived by her husband (Harley), children Holly (Gary) Becker, Jeff (Kathy) Doering, Heidi Doering, and Jennifer (Greg Krzecki) Doering. Five grandchildren, Dylan (Andrea) Becker, Courtney Swenson, Abigail (Ben) Hase, Brandon (Ally) Doering and Eve (Nicolas) Le Flem. Four great grandchildren include Liam and Charlotte Swenson, and Vance and Alanis Becker. We honor Bea's dearest lifelong friends Geri, Norma, and Teresa. Bea was preceded in death by Gladys Doering, Henry Sivesind, and Howard Doering.

We acknowledge the tremendous care provided by the Mayo Clinic Caledonia staff including Dr. Michelle Rein and Nurses Jo and Marilyn. Our thanks to the Mayo Hospice with special thanks to all her hospice caregivers including Tuesday, Liz, Gloria, "Laura from Decorah" and Dr. Bingol.

Funeral service will be held at 11 am on Saturday June 22, 2024, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Caledonia, MN. Pastor Steven Meyer will officiate. Visitation will start at 10 am until the time of the service. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery immediately after the service.

The service will be livestreamed on Immanuel Lutheran Church, Caledonia, Facebook page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
419 E Grove St  
Caledonia, MN 55921

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Marian G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of BERNICE JOYCE DOERING.*

Marian G. - July 01, 2024 at 07:47 AM

JF

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss! Our Deepest Condolences to all 🙏*



Jerry & Susie Frank - June 22, 2024 at 10:02 AM

RE

“ *Rita& Tim, Rick & Laura, Kathy & Eric planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of BERNICE JOYCE DOERING.*

Rita& Tim, Rick & Laura, Kathy & Eric - June 19, 2024 at 10:27 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of BERNICE JOYCE DOERING.*



June 19, 2024 at 10:27 PM

PT

“ *Message de sympathie à Heidi et toute sa famille dans ces moments difficiles. Philippe Telley*

Philippe Telley - May 14, 2024 at 12:25 PM

EV

*Merci pour les condoléances - Eve (La nièce d'Heidi)*

Eve - May 15, 2024 at 09:13 PM

LC

*Sending our sympathy and prayers for your family.  
Lana (Naylor) Corbin, Vanessa ,Elaine and Rachel*

Lana Corbin - June 21, 2024 at 11:16 PM

KJ

“ *Bea made the BEST chocolate cake! I got the recipe from her & still use only that recipe. She was the sweetest!*

Kari Johnson - May 09, 2024 at 12:43 PM

HB

*Thank you so much Kari!*

Holly Becker - May 09, 2024 at 06:07 PM

FB

*A beautiful woman of God and family. Bob & I am saddened to hear of her passing but treasure the memories we had with her when they were in Tucson. Our prayers are with all the family during this time.*

*Bob & Fay Bush*

Fay Bush - May 09, 2024 at 06:22 PM

HD

*I agree Kari! I've given the recipe to friends who now make it for their family birthday celebrations.*

Heidi Doering - May 09, 2024 at 07:48 PM

SL

*Bernice worked for my grandmother Clara Langland, as a "hired girl" while in high school as well. While buying a piece of equipment from your Dad she came out and visited with my father and I and shared several pieces of family history with us. She also probably two years ago sent me some pictures of my dad and his siblings with a very kind note. I cherish those pictures and I appreciate her sending them. Your Mom was also a kind neighbor to my cousin and her husband, Lorna and Chuck Duval while they lived in the Caledonia area many years ago. Your Mom was a very sweet and kind lady and may her soul rest in peace.*

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**Steve Langland** - May 13, 2024 at 11:29 AM

RT

*Can you share the best chocolate cake recipe*

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**Ruth Treisman** - May 13, 2024 at 03:28 PM

JD

*I sure can, Ruth :)*

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**Jennifer Doering** - May 15, 2024 at 06:27 PM