



ETHEL LIZZETTA (BUNKE) AUSTIN

November 2, 1932 - March 30, 2024

Ethel Lizzetta (Bunke) Austin, age 91, of Caledonia, Minnesota, formerly of Brownsville, Minnesota, passed away peacefully at Claddagh Senior Living with family by her side on March 30th, 2024.

Ethel was born on November 2nd, 1932 in Winona, Minnesota to parents George and Elenora Bunke. On November 7th, 1951, she married Merlin Willard Austin, and he preceded her in death On April 27th, 2008.

Ethel was a wonderful homemaker who enjoyed cooking, baking, and canning. She loved spending time outdoors on her patio, gardening, bird watching, and tending to her flowers. She also enjoyed reading and had a soft spot for animals. Ethel loved hosting her family and friends, and it was guaranteed there would be music playing, plenty of food to eat, and good conversation.

Ethel is survived by sister Sherri Boelter, daughters Terri (Doug) LeJeune and Deb (Pat) Cody, grandchildren Kalyn (Tess) Cody, Chris Cody, Jessie (Darren) Schedivy, Nate LeJeune, and Lauren (Kyle) Cody-Moore, and great grandchildren Etta, Paisley, Brody, Charlee, Haven, Vayda, Hudson, Harloe, and Vivian, and other relatives.

Ethel is preceded in death by her parents, brother Delmer (Lillian) Bunke,

husband Merlin, and grandson Ryan Cody.

Funeral services will be at 11 am, Friday, April 5, at Zion Evangelical Church, Brownsville, MN. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 am before the service at the church. Burial will be in Zion Cemetery, Brownsville

The family would like to thank Rosie and the rest of the staff at Claddagh Senior Living. A special thank you goes to St. Croix Hospice for the wonderful support they provided. Your love and care is appreciated more than you could know.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials be directed to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church or cemetery in Brownsville or Brownsville Lions Club.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Evangelical Church
210 7th street
Brownsville, MN 55919

Funeral Service

APR 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Evangelical Church
210 7th street
Brownsville, MN 55919

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Our deepest sympathy to you all. So sorry to hear of your wonderful and caring Mother. Every time we would go to your parents house your Mom and Dad always made you feel like one of the family. She was a very special lady. We had a alot of great times together all of us!

Love Mark and Julie Bissen ❤️

Julie Bissen - April 04, 2024 at 02:53 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Ethel's family. She was such a caring person and always willing to help others.

Barb and Dan Hurley

Barb Hurley - April 01, 2024 at 06:20 AM

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“ I enjoyed taking care of Ethel. She was a sweet person in her way. I will miss her friendly face strolling around in her wheelchair and a cup of coffee in her hand and a smile on her face. I knew her from when she lived at Buckley Assisted Living.

Christy Lampert



Christy Lampert - March 31, 2024 at 11:15 PM