



Ilene (Tjarks) Gerdes

August 14, 1928 - September 25, 2017

Glenvil resident, Ilene Joyce (Tjarks) Gerdes, 89, passed away Monday, September 25, 2017, at her home surrounded by her children.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, October 2, 2017, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Glenvil, NE with Rev. Rob Garton officiating. Private family inurnment will take place at a later date. Visitation will be Sunday, from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m., with the family present from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Clay Center, NE.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Immanuel Lutheran Church or the Glenvil Ambulance.

Ilene was born August 14, 1928, to George and Dena (Kahman) Tjarks near Glenvil, NE. She was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Glenvil, NE. She received her education at Willowdale rural school and graduated from Glenvil High School. Before her marriage, she was employed as a nurse's aide at Mary Lanning Hospital. After her marriage to Frank Gerdes on January 25, 1948, she became a full-time farmer's housewife and mother.

She is survived by her children, David (Joy) Gerdes; Ellen Koger; Marlys (Gary) Schmidt and Michele (Dan) Brandenburger; 8 grandchildren; 16 great-

grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Eugene (Dolores) Tjarks; Myron (Mary) Tjarks; sisters, Delores Merkel; Frances Schliep and Barb (Steve) Sadd; sisters-in-law, Ila Tjarks and Lydia (Don) Beckenhauer and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; her parents; sister, Lorna and brother, Delmar.

Tribute Wall

RB

“ I love this picture of Ilene! That smile of hers is what I remember the most--and what I see in her children. We were in and out of Frank and Ilene's home often as we were growing up. Jan Schmidt is right, she was a wonderful cook. But best of all was the homemade ice cream they made when we dropped in for a Saturday night visit. My love and prayers go out to this very special family. But I truly believe that Ilene is not just "gone"--she's "Gone Home.”

Rebecca (Johnson) Blair - October 06, 2017 at 12:14 PM

TT

“ You were always kind and loving will miss your sweet smile
Condolences to the family

Terry and Betsy Tjarks - September 28, 2017 at 10:38 PM

BB

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Have special memories of her and her smile .

Bonnie and Steve Beman - September 28, 2017 at 07:17 PM

JS

“ How lucky was I to be able to know and love this dear, dear lady!!
My memories of her will be forever! Always knowing that whenever we walked into her house there would be a huge amount of amazing food,
that would be shared around a big table full of family that truly loved each other! Always smiling. Always kind. Always doing for others! I will miss her.

Jan Schmidt - September 28, 2017 at 09:23 AM

CB

“ *Our prayers and thoughts for the family. May the Lord be with all of you in the coming months.*

Chris & Dilma Burgess - September 27, 2017 at 02:31 PM