

Deborah C. Carlson Bertinusion was born on August 29, 1925 in Racine, WI. She was one of eight children born to Cornelius and Deborah (Larson) Carlson.

Receiving her education in Racine, WI, she attended Fratt Elementary, McKinley Junior High and Park High, graduating from Park High School on January 28, 1944. Following her graduation, she worked as a bookkeeper for a local floral shop and also worked in the purchasing department of Massey Harris.

She met her future husband, Barney Bertinusion, when he came to visit her brother, Belmont, a service buddy whose life he helped save. On October 23, 1948 she and Barney Bertinusion were united in marriage at the Holy Communion Church in Racine, WI. Following their marriage, they returned to Barney's home community near Alexander, ND, where they farmed with Barney's parents, eventually purchasing the home place and adding more land. Debbie was a true partner and helpmate to her husband.

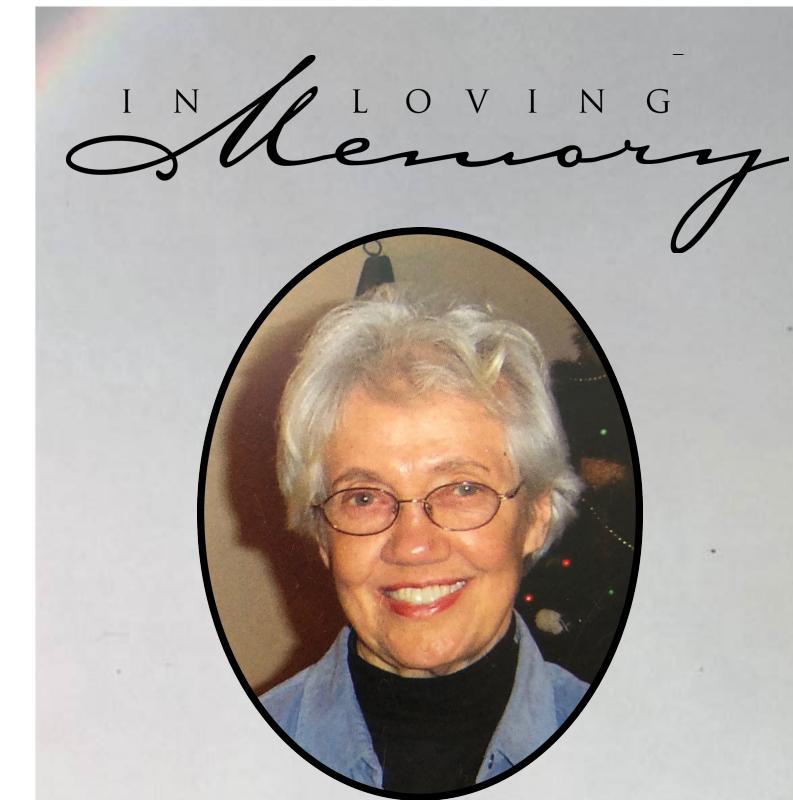
Barney and Debbie were devoted to their only child, Deborah Ann and rejoiced at watching their family grow with the birth of grandchildren Dee Ann and Daniel. Debbie was also blessed with four great granddaughters, which brought her so much joy the last 10 years.

An important part of Debbie's life was her Christian faith. She was baptized on December 27, 1925 at Zion Lutheran Church in Racine, WI. On May 5, 1940, she was confirmed into the Lutheran faith at Holy Communion Church in Racine, WI. She was a former member and treasurer of the Timber Creek Church which her father-in-law helped found. Following the closing of the Timber Creek Church, she and her family became members of the Wilmington Lutheran Church in Arnegard, ND where she continued to be an active member of the WELCA.

As a community member, she was active on the Patent Gate School Board where she served as treasurer. She was also a member of the West Plains Library Board, the Sons of Norway, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Arnegard Lionesses, and the Cheery Homemakers. She and her husband were charter members of the Heritage Park. Debbie was a loyal volunteer for the Democratic Party, donating her time and talents, while establishing lifelong friendships.

Those who were privileged to share her life and who mourn her passing are; her daughter Debbie (Ed) Simmons of Fairview, MT; her grandchildren, Dee Ann (Matt) Schnacky of Prior Lake, MN; Daniel (Chelsea) Simmons of Fargo, ND; great granddaughters, Evelyn Anna Schnacky, Rilo Martha Simmons, Nealia Ann Schnacky, and Alida Kay Simmons, her sister-in-law Ruth Rolfson of Watford City, ND. Debbie's cousins, Morris (Bonnie) Vaagenas, Carl (Ruth) Vaagenas both of Minneapolis, MN, and Dorothy Johnson of Cartwright, ND.

Debbie was preceded in death by her husband Barney, her parents Cornelius and Deborah Carlson; her brothers, Kenneth, Arnold, Belmont and Earl; her sisters, Kathryn Albeck, Margaret Francis, and Alida Newman. Also preceding her were her in-laws, Torvald and Anna Bertinusion; sisters-in-law, Evelyn Sanford, Theresa Johnson; brothers-in-law, Ernest, Iver, Edward, and Tor Bertinusion.



**Deborah Cornelie
Bertinusion**

August 29, 1925 ~ June 24, 2019



Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim
Because it was grassy and wanted wear,
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence.
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

Arrangements By
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home

Deborah Cornelía Bertinuſon

Born to Cornelius & Deborah Carlson
August 29, 1925~Racine, WI

Passed Away
June 24, 2019~Sidney, Montana

Services
11:00AM Monday July 1, 2019
Wilmington Lutheran Church
Arnegard, North Dakota

Officiating
Pastor Roberta Pierce
Pastor Garrett Gunderson

Music
Patty Hovde Daniel Simmons
Evie & Nealia Schnacky
Rilo & Alida Simmons

Casketbearers
Daniel Simmons Matt Schnacky John Johnston
Steven Johnston Tim Homiston Matthew Rolfsen

Ushers
Kirk Olson Lynn Hovde

Final Resting Place
Timber Creek Cemetery
North Dakota

Luncheon will be served at the church.

