



*God looked around the garden, and found an empty space. He looked down upon the earth, and saw your tired face. He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful for He only takes the best. He knew that you were weary, and He knew you were in pain. He knew that you would never be well on earth again. He saw the roads were getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb. So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered peace be thine.*



## *In Loving Memory Of Katherine "Kay" Larsen*

**Born to Easter (Fields) and Jasper Clark**

March 4, 1925 ~ Ashburn, Georgia

**Peacefully Passed Away**

April 19, 2025 ~ Watford City, North Dakota

**Funeral Services**

Monday, April 28, 2025 at 11:00 am

First Lutheran Church ~ Watford City, North Dakota

*Luncheon to Follow*

**Officiating**

Minister Matthew Rolfson

**Eulogist**

Rob Favorite

**Casketbearers**

Tim Gerlach Chris Larsen Sean Larsen

Sheldon Wahlstrom Jayme Carson Michael Veseth

**Honorary Casketbearers**

The Caring Staff at the Good Shepherd Home

**Ushers**

Robin Schwartz Brian Anderson

**Music**

"In the Garden" "You Are My Sunshine"

"It Is Well With My Soul" "How Great Thou Art"

Jenna Wahlstrom ~ Soloist

Caroline Schwartz ~ Accompanist

**Final Resting Place**

Schafer Cemetery ~ Watford City, North Dakota

**Arrangements By**

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home

Watford City, North Dakota



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# *Katherine "Kay" Larsen*

*March 4, 1925 - April 19, 2025*





Katherine "Kay" Larsen was born on March 4, 1925, to Jasper Bennett and Easter Clark in Ashburn, Georgia. The daughter of a cotton and peanut farmer, Kay was affectionately known as "Nolie" as she grew up. She had many chores growing up in the south, and talked about how electricity and running water were great luxuries!

She graduated from high school at 16 and went to business school in Atlanta. Working as a secretary, she met John O. Larsen when he was stationed at Warner Robins Air Force Base in Georgia. They were married September 1, 1946, in Isabella, GA, moving to Fargo, ND while John finished pharmacy school, then Mandan, Hope, (where John owned his first drugstore), and finally Watford City, ND, where they opened Larsen Service Drug in 1952, living there the remainder of their lives.

Kay was a homemaker, giving her time to many places such as Watford City School PTA, First Lutheran Church where she was a longtime member, Sons of Norway, Campfire Girls and more. In later years, she became a

member of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution). She was an avid gardener and was happiest when she was watering and caring for her many types of beautiful flowers.

Kay enjoyed being a grandmother and great grandmother. Her special southern fried chicken and cornbread were family favorites, along with her chocolate chip cookies made with extra love and "orange zest."



Kay entered the Good Shepherd Home Assisted Living Center in July 2016, and the Good Shepherd Nursing Home in January 2018. She thought she was living in the best place in the world and thoroughly enjoyed her years there. She particularly enjoyed playing bingo and was known by the staff as their "Georgia Peach." While she missed Georgia, Kay thoroughly embraced living in western

North Dakota where she found the people very friendly and always willing to lend a helping hand. She and John enjoyed many lifelong friendships with neighbors, colleagues, and fellow community members.

Kay passed away peacefully at the age of 100 on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at the Good Shepherd Home in Watford City, North Dakota.

Kay is survived by her daughter, Laurice "Laurie" Leek of Aurora, Colorado; son Larry (Debbie) Larsen of Watford City, ND; daughter Lisa (Tim) Gerlach of International Falls, MN; six grandchildren Drew (Rachel) Leek, Colin (Katlin) Leek, Michelle (Jayme) Carson, Jenna (Sheldon) Wahlstrom, Chris (Alissa) Larsen, and Sean (Lizzy) Larsen; ten great-grandchildren Naomi Leek, Olivia and Avery Leek, Zoe, Esme and Leia Carson, Kai and Tucker Larsen, and Axel and Levi Wahlstrom; and her brother, Robert (Glenda) Clark of Sylvester, GA.

She was preceded in death by her husband John O. Larsen, son Lyle Larsen, parents Jasper Bennett and Easter Fields Clark, brother Cosby Clark, and in-laws Olaf and Laura Larsen.

