

If This Were My Last Day

If this were my last day I'm almost sure
I'd spend it working in my garden.
I Would dig about my little plants, and try
To make them happy, so they would endure
long after me. Then I would hide secure
Where my green arbor shades me from the
sky, And watch how bird and bee and
butterfly Come hovering to every flowery
lure. Then, as I rested, perhaps a friend or
two, Lovers of flowers would come,
And we would walk
About my little garden paths and talk
Of peaceful times when all the world
Seemed true. This may be my last day, for
all I know;
What a temptation just to spend it so!

Anne Higginson Spicer

*Goodrich Funeral Home
Durand, WI*



In Memory of
Bernice Hope Kern

Born: September 24, 1923
Waterville Township,
Pepin County, Wisconsin

Died: July 1, 2017
Plum City, Wisconsin

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, July 6, 2017 11:00 AM
Community of Christ Church
Arkansaw, Wisconsin

OFFICIANT

Pastor Rose Peterson

MUSIC

Christopher Tulip - Guitarist
Cody Tulip - Soloist

CASKET BEARERS

Gary Fleishauer	Josh Fleishauer
Bill Hake	Dennis Hartung
Rob Kern	Jeff Tulip

INTERMENT

Arkansaw Memorial Cemetery
Arkansaw, Wisconsin

Bernice Kern, 93, of Arkansaw died Saturday July, 1, 2017. Bernice Hope was born September 24, 1923 in Waterville Township, Pepin County Wisconsin. Bernice was the first child born to Clive and Delight (Della) McMahon Metcalf. Bernice graduated from Durand High School. She later graduated from River Falls Teachers College. On May 15, 1943 she and Vernon Kern were married at her home in Porcupine Valley by her Father, Clive. They lived all their married life in Arkansaw, Wisconsin where they raised 3 children, Sharon, Diana and James. As her children were older Bernice taught at Big Coulee and Sabylund schools. Later she was the office manager for Vernon at the Durand Canning Company which later became Faribault Foods in Mondovi, WI. She was active all her life in the Community of Christ. Her faith was a very important part of her life. She filled many roles in her lifetime with the church. She served as Sunday school secretary, Bible School Youth Leader, and woman's leader. Her family was precious to her. Her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great granddaughter, Allyson brought her the greatest joy. Finding faith in a flower garden, her music, books and plants brought her contentment. She was fond of watching and feeding birds.

Bernice is survived by her children Sharon (Lynn) Fleishauer, Diana (James) Tulip, and Mary Kern; grandchildren Gary (Teresa) Fleishauer, Tracy Weber, Teri Jo (Dennis) Hartung, Jeff (Jenny) Tulip, Katrina (Bill) Hake and Rob (Becky) Kern; great grandchildren James Martin, Jake (Andrea) Fleishauer, Josh (Larah) Fleishauer, Justin Fleishauer, Sam Klingbeil, Nate Klingbeil, Brenton (Erin) Hartung, Brady Hartung, Christopher (Miranda) Tulip, Cody Tulip, TJ Tulip, Marvin Kern; great great granddaughter Allyson Fleishauer; great great step grandchildren Larry and Mikaila. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Vernon Kern; son James Kern; grandson Darren Tulip; Sister Jerri Smith; Brother in Law Roy Smith and Niece Deborah Darmon.

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