

FUNERAL MASS:

Thursday, November 19, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.
St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church Humboldt, Saskatchewan

Celebrant:

Fr. Cosmas Epifano, OSB

Crossbearer:

Curtis Demmert

Scripture Readers:

Ozzie Lutz & Margaret Fortowsky

Intentions:

Laura Kosokowsky

Giftbearers:

Kayli Demmert & Troy Demmert

Eulogist:

Bev Demmert

Music Ministry:

Director, Loretta Schugmann *Organist*, Dolores Hinz
& the St. Augustine Parish Funeral Choir

Memorial Table Attendants:

Johanna Merkowsky & Josephine Stroeder

Urnbearers:

Stacey Berting, Kayli Demmert & Troy Demmert

Honorary Pallbearers:

"All those who shared in Bernice's life."

INTERMENT:

St. Augustine Roman Catholic Cemetery Humboldt, Saskatchewan

Memorial Donations:

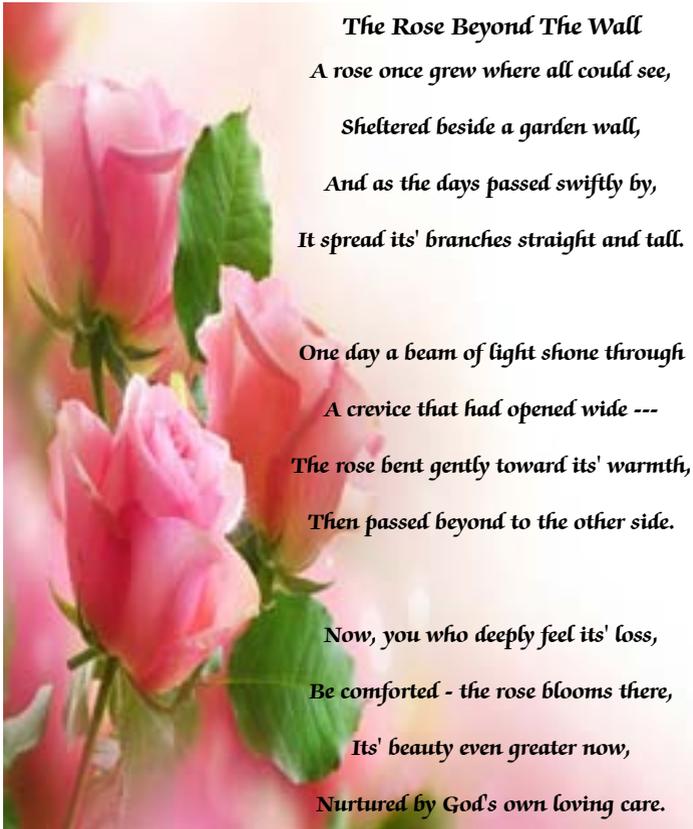
Alzheimer Society or S.P.C.A.

Memorial Luncheon:

St. Augustine Parish Hall

Bernice was born on June 16, 1931, to Michael and Elizabeth (nee Suchan) Merkowsky at home on the family farm near Burr, SK. She grew up on the farm and attended Willow Ridge School. After completing Grade 8, Bernice stayed home to help on the farm. She then began working at Delux Cleaners for her brother-in-law, Ben Fortowsky. While attending a dance, she met Ernie Berting who was playing in his orchestra, Ernie and the Rhythm Ramblers. They were married on July 21, 1952, in St. Scholastica R.C. Church, near Burr. Their first home together was in Pleasantdale, SK. They also lived in Melfort, Estevan, and eventually returned to Humboldt where they continued to reside. A hard-working woman, as well as being a devoted homemaker for her husband and children, Bernice worked numerous jobs at the same time. During those years, she assisted Ernie with his various businesses, from working in the office of Royalite Oil, working for the Wolverine/Humboldt Rural Telephone Company, driving the mail truck, helping to operate Humboldt Lanes which they bought in 1975, and being an auctioneer clerk, to maintaining the apartment building they owned. Evenings were about as busy as the days. After attending square dances, Ernie became a caller. That took him and Bernice to various towns instructing at different clubs. Community-minded people, as busy as their schedules were, around 1972 they joined the Jaycees/Jaycettes and also worked for Futuristic Industries. From 1972 to 2010, Bernice boarded two sisters, Martha and Adeline Menz, who worked at Futuristic. As well, for a number of years, Bernice worked at Nutter's Bulk Foods. Over the years, Bernice pursued a number of hobbies and interests. She loved dancing, bowling, walking, fishing, gardening, crocheting, knitting, and playing cards and games. Bernice leaves many fond and heart-warming memories to cherish. She had a vibrant personality, a quick wit with a dry sense of humor, was a great hostess who loved to entertain, and was an interesting story-teller. As well, we will never forget her immaculate appearance, perfect hairdo, and beautiful smile at all times. Due to failing health, in December 2011, Bernice moved into Birch Manor at Bethany Pioneer Village in Middle Lake and, two years later, became a resident of Aspen Manor at Bethany. A final move was made in December 2014 to St. Mary's Villa, her home until the present.

Bernice will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by her three daughters and three grandchildren: **Diann** Berting and daughter **Stacey** Berting, and **Joan** Berting, all of Humboldt, SK, and **Bev** (Curtis) Demmert and children **Kayli** Demmert and **Troy** Demmert, all of Warman, SK; one sister, Lorna (Ozzie) Lutz of Lanigan, SK; sister-in-law, Marie Merkowsky of Humboldt; in-laws of the Berting family; and by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband, Ernie Berting (September 10, 1995); parents, Michael and Elizabeth (nee Suchan) Merkowsky; and by four sisters and two brothers: Mary (Ben) Schiminowsky, Isabel (Ben) Fortowsky, Elizabeth (Joe) Kosokowsky, Alfred Merkowsky, Leonard Merkowsky, and Hilda (Eric) Langner.



The Rose Beyond The Wall
A rose once grew where all could see,
Sheltered beside a garden wall,
And as the days passed swiftly by,
It spread its' branches straight and tall.

One day a beam of light shone through
A crevice that had opened wide ---
The rose bent gently toward its' warmth,
Then passed beyond to the other side.

Now, you who deeply feel its' loss,
Be comforted - the rose blooms there,
Its' beauty even greater now,
Nurtured by God's own loving care.

APPRECIATION

The family wishes to express their gratitude for your kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

SCHULER-LEFEBVRE FUNERAL CHAPEL - Humboldt, Saskatchewan
"Dedicated to those we serve."

In Loving Memory Of



Bernice Berting

St. Mary's Villa Humboldt, Saskatchewan

BORN:

June 16, 1931
Burr District, Saskatchewan

DIED:

November 14, 2015
Humboldt, Saskatchewan

AGE:

84 Years