



## Bonnie Leer

June 6, 1928 - June 30, 2020

Leer, Bonnie Gray Grandma Bonnie, age 92, loved family above all else and she shared that love with everyone she touched. Family first defined her long and wonderful life as a daughter, sister, niece, mom, grandmother and, to her everlasting joy, great-grand-mother. She celebrated her birthday on June 6 surrounded by family (appropriately masked), with laughter and tears. Born in Cass Lake, she grew up in the family bakery and hence no meal was complete without a plate of her cookies or signature Special K bars. An avid sports fan with a competitive streak, she never missed her "kids" games, although hockey referees often wished she had. She proudly pumped her pom-poms for 72 Gopher football seasons and stuck with her beloved Twins through thick and thin. Friends and family treasure her gracious hand-written cards and thank you notes which preceded every holiday and followed all occasions. She is preceded in death by her: husband Charlie (1985); parents Belle and Walter; brothers (Bill, Wally and Buzz) and sisters (Max and Gin); and lifelong friend Phyllis Brooks. She is survived by her: sons - Chuck (Mary), Buzz (Kristi), Tim (Robyn), Robb (Maureen) and Chip (Ineke); grandchildren Maxwell (Brittany), Will (Aisha), Ben (Kalley), Charlie (Melissa), Robbie, Andy (Katie), Chris (Michelle), Matt (Lauren), Anna (Dominic), Grace and Nick (Lindsay); great-grandchildren Charlie and Molly; many nephews and nieces including special niece Bonnie Jean (Bob) and daughters Rachel and Andrea (Mike and sons Connor and Dylan); and fellow Gopher fan Lenny Brooks. The family is forever grateful to Dr. Heather Gantzer and Methodist

Hospice for their extraordinary love and care. Memorials (no flowers, please) preferred to Loaves & Fishes: [loavesandfishesmn.org](http://loavesandfishesmn.org) Memorial service: Saturday, August 1, 10:00 am, Lakewood Cemetery Chapel, Minneapolis. Due to coronavirus, seating will be limited; please check with family prior to service.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Crematory (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

# Tribute Wall

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“ A lady of extreme light, joy and kindness whom I met some years ago at Jostens. The world is a better place, no less dim because she has left, than when she graced it AND US with her presence. Your special Bonnie will hold a place in my/many hearts. SKI U MAH, Bonnie.

Nancy Fawthorp  
Lake City, MN

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Nancy Fawthorp - July 07, 2020 at 07:51 PM

SG

“ Bonnie was such a special friend to my brother, Tim Scott. Her birthday was on June 6 and his June 7 so they always celebrated together. In later years on his trips to MN he would visit her and they would have lunch. He loved her cookies so she always had them made for him. She wrote beautiful cards as I read most every one. My hope is that they are together again. RIP Bonnie.

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Shelly Gilbertson - July 07, 2020 at 06:47 PM

MK

I worked with Bonnie briefly before she retired from Josten's and we became fast friends. I reluctantly took her and Marlys Corr to Cucumbers restaurant/buffet for a girls luncheon and she loved it, especially the fresh massive salad bar. We had more girls luncheons but that one stuck out. I think about her often as she was real special. She used to send me Christmas cards with family pictures until we somehow lost touch. I'm happy she had a long life with a extremely loving and beautiful family!

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Mary Klimek - March 25 at 11:35 PM

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RIP my dear friend.

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Mary Klimek - March 25 at 11:36 PM