



Ellen Lorene Bretz

January 11, 1932 - February 26, 2023

Bretz, Ellen Lorene (Morton)

Age 91 of Clearwater, MN passed away February 26, 2023 proceeded in death by, father and mother, brothers and son, David. Survived by husband of 70 years Donald; daughters, Diana Brenny (Joseph) and Debra Flanders (Frank); sons, James and Michael (Lisa); 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild; sister Colleen Scott (Arneal) of Georgia; and many other relatives and friends.

A visitation will be held Fri. Mar. 3rd 5:00-7:00 PM at Washburn-McReavy Crystal Lake Chapel, 3816 Penn Ave N, Minneapolis, MN. Funeral will be Sat. Mar. 4th at 11:00 AM with a visitation at 10:00 AM at Washburn-McReavy Crystal Lake Chapel. Private family interment.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crystal Lake Chapel
3816 Penn Avenue N.
Minneapolis, MN 55412

Visitation

MAR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Minneapolis, MN 55412

Chapel Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Minneapolis, MN 55412

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Ellen Lorene Bretz in memory of Ellen Lorene Bretz



Washburn-McReavy - March 02, 2023 at 04:43 PM

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“ *My sincerest condolences Don and all the family.*

What can you say about Ellen?

She was as tough as a longhorn bull.

Could be as ornery as a diamondback.

And was as beautiful, inside and out, as

A yellow rose of Texas.

I had the honor of working with Ellen for a number of years back in the 80's and 90's .

The first year when her vacation came around she told me she was going to Texas. She had a lot of family there that she loved to spend time with.

We talked about the things she liked doing with her brothers and one of them was catching and milking rattlesnakes for the venom. Which they sold to I can't remember who. I hadn't known her that long at the time and I wasn't sure if she was pulling my leg or not. I told her that I had just seen a beautiful diamondback mount and asked is she would bring me one if she could. Never expecting it to come to anything. Well off she went on vacation and a couple weeks later she returned to work. Walking into our office she announced, "I brought you a present Paul". She lifted the lid off a 5 gallon bucket, reached inside and slowly pulled out a rattler that if memory serves was close to 6 maybe 7 ft. long. "There ya go you Old Turkey. Do something with that."

After finding out how much it would cost me to have it mounted the old chef Walter said he would take it. He knew someone who would eat it.

There are a lot of stories about Ellen.

All of them good. There are certain people whose passing makes our world a little less bright. Ellen Bretz is one of those souls.

Keep your line tight you Old Turkey.

Paul Malrick - March 02, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ellen Lorene Bretz.



March 01, 2023 at 11:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ellen Lorene Bretz.



March 01, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Love Erv, Punky, Brian and Brad Bretz* purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Ellen Lorene Bretz.



Love Erv, Punky, Brian and Brad Bretz - February 28, 2023 at 02:25 PM