



Lavonne Bonevieve Sauter

March 24, 1925 - September 24, 2021

Bonevieve Sauter, age 96 and ½ to the date, of Columbia Heights, passed away September 24, 2021, at Lyngblomsten in St. Paul. She Lavonne was born March 24, 1925, to Clarence and Helen Benson in Lake Netta, Ham Lake Township, Minnesota. She was the third daughter of five born to Clarence and Helen. Lavonne had fond memories of growing up with her sisters and cousins, attending country school and helping her family in their general store in Lake Netta. She graduated from Anoka High School in 1942 and went on to attend Minnesota School of Business. After graduation, she worked at Archer Daniels Midland Company in an office job.

Lavonne married Alvern Walter Sauter on August 26, 1950, at Faith Lutheran Church in Forest Lake, Minnesota. Minneapolis Wrought Washer Company was her place of employment for many years. Lavonne loved her church, First Lutheran. She was the Sunday School Superintendent for 3 1/2 years in the late 60s and you could find Lavonne and Alvern working on the bazaars and lutefisk dinners. Her Norwegian and Swedish heritage were a source of pride. She volunteered at the Swedish Institute in the gift shop and enjoyed programs with the Scandinavian Friends. A highlight for her was when she met the King and Queen of Sweden during their Minneapolis visit in 1994. Lavonne joked that she had "property" in Sweden because she had paid for a grave to be maintained for a Swedish relative.

Lavonne and Alvern enjoyed traveling to Hawaii, Norway and Sweden and several other destinations in Europe and USA. Arizona was a favorite

destination for winter.

Lavonne loved family and never missed a birthday. When sister Marilyn's family came to visit family in Minneapolis from Wadena, Lavonne and Alvern welcomed the family of five. It was a lot of commotion for them. All children and dogs were loved by Lavonne. Even her sister's dog greeted her more enthusiastically than the owner.

Lavonne was preceded in death by her husband Alvern, her sisters: Lorraine Benson, Bernetta Huber, and Marilyn Brink. She is survived by her sister Beverly (Wayne) Thompson, nieces and nephews, and special cousins Juliet Peterson Dahlberg and Quinton and Marjorie Peterson.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Lutheran Church of Columbia Heights
1555 40th Avenue NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

Church Service

OCT 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I'm sorry I didn't hear about LaVonne until today. I was a neighbor of Al & LaVonne's in Columbia Heights from 1988 to 1999. They were great neighbors. The neighbors on 45th Ave. NE would have dinner parties at each other houses from time to time which were a lot of fun. We continued to get together in later years but usually gathered at a Perkin's or Baker's Square, when that used to be down by Apache. We will miss her.

Jim, Dee, Stephen & Sophia Christopher

Jim Christopher - October 06, 2021 at 09:10 PM