



## Louise Benz

May 20, 2012

Given by her daughter Linda

Louise Josephine Kylo was born April 6, 1929 to Clarence and Ida Kylo in the Grand Forks Deaconess Hospital. The baby was blue and not expected to live, so she was baptized on April 8, in the nursery with two nurse friends of her mother Ida as sponsors.

Louise grew to adulthood on the family farm at McCanna, North Dakota. She attended the country school for seven years and the country church at Elk Valley Lutheran, just across from the school.

Louise graduated from Larimore High School in June 1945, and went on to Concordia College for two years and finished her education at NDSU with a degree in Home Economics and Science.

She married Leo Benz on August 19, 1951 at the Elk Valley Lutheran Church. Louise and Leo had four children: Linda, an RN who works in Bismarck; Paul, a physician in Seattle; Bruce, who has a PHD in Botany is a Professor in Fort Worth; and Jon, who is a building inspector in Mandan.

Louise taught in various schools from country schools, to Fort Totten, East Grand Forks, Ft Yates, Bismarck Junior High for a total of 20 years.

Leo and Louise loved traveling, camping all over the US with their children while they were young, and later to Europe, the Holly Land, Jordan, Britain, and specifically Norway three times and to Germany where Leo found cousins.

Leo died in 2001, after which she sold the family home and moved to a condo in Bismarck. After four years she married Ervin Weisenburger.

Besides Sons of Norway she has enjoyed Trinity and is active in the women's circles and TLCW as well as in Bible Studies. She volunteered at the Heritage Center, both hospitals and she likes to play bridge.

Louise and Erv are now living at Edgewood Vista in an apartment and she is still playing bridge!