



Ardene Prien

September 10, 1925 - June 2, 2020

Ardene Avis Prien passed away June 2 at Patriot Place of Berlin at the age of 94. She was born in the Town of Aurora on September 10, 1925 to Jess and Lona (Rodencal) Hardel.

Ardene graduated from 8th grade from a one room school, Davenport #1 and grew up on her family farm at Four Corners, Auroraville.

After 8th grade she went to work as a housekeeper on the Ed Krebs farm south of Berlin.

Ardene was baptized, confirmed, and married at Immanuel Lutheran Church Auroraville.

On June 24 1945 she married Walter Prien and they shared 51 wonderful years together before he passed away in 1996. They moved to a farm at Borth where she was a homemaker and helped with farming. There they joined Trinity Lutheran Church and was a member of the ladies aid. In the 1960's they moved to Berlin and joined St John Lutheran Church. Ardene was employed as a cook and Baker at Ron's Diner, she was well known for her raised donuts and pies. Later in her life she cleaned at Nortons Marine Dining Room Green Lake for many years.

She enjoyed her family and cherished spending time with her daughter, granddaughter and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen Rowen; granddaughter, Dana Ballard; great-granddaughters, Ashlyn and Brooklyn Ballard; step great-granddaughter, Teagan Larschied; sister, Betty Leppin; sisters-in-law,

Hildegarde Krause and Joan Hardel; other relatives and many friends.

Ardene was preceded in death by her parents, Jess and Lona Hardel; twin sister, Arlene Hardel; sisters, Lucille Hardel and Mildred Smick; brother, Clifford Hardel; brothers-in-law, Donald Leppin, Noel Smick and Elmer Krause; son-in-law, Thomas Rowen, and other relatives and friends

Family and friends may pay their respects to Ardene on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church of Berlin.

A funeral service will follow visitation at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Paul Mundingering officiating.

Burial will occur in the Pine Grove Cemetery of Auroraville following the service.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, certain precautions will be introduced at the church. Face masks are encouraged, but not required, social distancing protocols followed, and “no contact” will be monitored and respected throughout the service.

Also, in keeping with CDC guidelines, there will be no luncheon or fellowship following services.

Cemetery Details

Pine Grove Cemetery

Auroraville, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church
168 Mound Street
Berlin, WI 54923
<http://www.stjohnberlin.org>

Funeral Service

JUN 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ardene Prien*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - June 08, 2020 at 09:37 PM

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Very special tribute to a special lady. ❤️❤️🙏❤️

Vickie Clark - June 10, 2020 at 11:02 PM

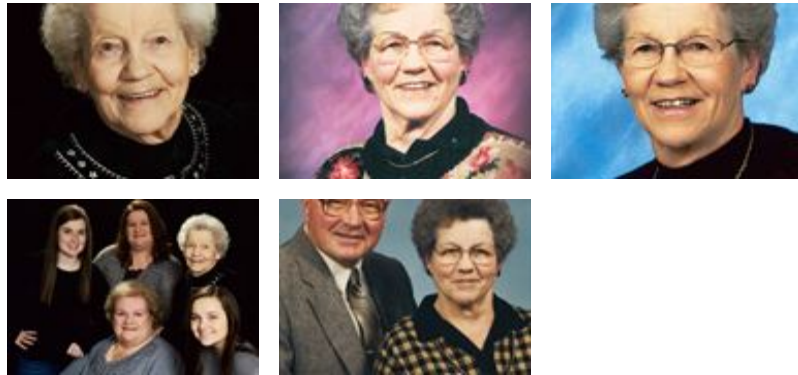
LH

“ *Karen,
I was fortunate to run into your Mom a few times when visiting at PP. It was nice to reminisce with her about the mobile park and when we were younger. Sorry for your loss.
LuAnn Thoma-Holec*

LuAnn Thoma Holec - June 17, 2020 at 06:38 PM



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Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - June 08, 2020 at 09:31 PM

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“ *Karen, Remember many great moments with you and your Mom. Will remember her always. Sharon Tesch Leigh*

Sharon Leigh - June 04, 2020 at 01:15 PM

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“ *Karen and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of Ardene. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Shirley Moran Holtmeier*

Shirley Moran Holtmeier - June 04, 2020 at 08:49 AM