



## Bernice Janice Hartfelder

April 8, 1951 - November 1, 2015

It is with great sadness we announce the sudden passing of our Mom, Bernice Hartfelder (Nee Przytula) on November 1, 2015 at the age of 64 years, beloved wife of the late Harvey Hartfelder (passed in 2011). She leaves to cherish her memory two sons Stephen (Lan) Hartfelder of Edmonton and their daughter Tina, and Warren (Penny) Hartfelder of Sherwood Park and their children Ayden, Aaliyah and Anders.

Bernice was born in Edmonton in 1951 and was raised on a farm outside of Warburg with her 9 siblings. She always loved her farming roots and she and Harvey made the decision to return to farming in 1992 after being a staple on Bella Coola Drive in Leduc for 15 years. As she was always a lover of animals, she now had the opportunity to have cattle, sheep and chickens to help take care of. Those that knew Bernice would always comment on her happy, say hello to anyone demeanor, which made her a natural for being one of Leduc's favorite Avon ladies of the 80's. Bernice slowed down a little after she suffered a stroke at 46 but didn't let that change her outlook or appreciation for what God gave her. Being a family first wife and mom, Bernice would always ensure that her three boys were both well fed and well taken care of and all the payment she ever wanted was a kiss and a hug. After Harvey's passing in 2011 and her long term stay in Leduc Hospital, Bernice became a well-loved resident of Laurier House in Sherwood Park where she made many friends and made sure that all visitors and staff always felt welcome. She was the first to enjoy the many outings for residents and cultivated her hidden talent as a painter, which she enjoyed very much. She also became an avid collector of colorful scarves that she would mix and match with all of her outfits to showcase her colorful personality and love for life. A special thank you to all of the staff at Laurier House for making the final 4 years of Bernice's life such a wonderful time for her.

Those that wish to pay their respects may do so at St. Matthews Lutheran Church (5115 48 Ave, Thorsby, AB) at 11:00am on Friday, November 6, 2015 (10:00am viewing) with Pastor Scott Brown presiding. Following the service will be a luncheon to honor Bernice and conclude with her final journey to St. Francis Cemetery where she will be laid to rest for those wishing to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alberta Heart and Stroke Foundation (10985 124 St NW, Edmonton, AB T5M) will be greatly appreciated and received

# Cemetery

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# Events

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St. Francis Of Assisi Cemetery

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Funeral Service

11:00AM

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St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

5115 - 48 Avenue, Thorsby, AB, CA, T0C 2P0

# Comments

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“ Warren and Stephen and family,  
I saw your Mom's obituary notice in the Journal and wanted to be in touch.  
My deepest sympathies to all of your family.  
When we all lived in Leduc, I so enjoyed knowing Bernice. Her lovely warm personality always made her fun to be with.  
Bob died in May, so our family is grieving too. We will be remembering you and your Mom with much fondness.  
Sincerely,  
Margaret, Jonathan, and Mark Hetherington

**Margaret Hetherington** - November 15, 2015 at 09:46 PM

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“ I just heard this morning of your mom's passing. I am so sorry and extend my deepest condolences to you both and your families.

I made a trip this summer to visit friends and relatives and one "must" stop on my list was to see Bernice. We had an excellent visit in late October, and talked and remembered our times on Bella Coola. The auctions we went to with your dad, as well as camping trips. We had many good times and we shared a lot of laughs. Laughs was Bernice's specialty, always a smile and kind word and never at a loss for words. Bernice was a very special lady and will be missed terribly. She was so proud of her family and when she talked about what everyone was doing, it always put a light in her eyes. Her smile and laugh will be missed terribly by all who knew her.

Evelyn Rockett

**Evelyn Rockett** - November 07, 2015 at 11:04 AM

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“ Hanna Handreka lit a candle in memory of Bernice Janice Hartfelder



**Hanna Handreka** - November 04, 2015 at 12:30 AM



“ My sincerest condolences on the unexpected loss of your beloved Mother and Grandmother. I was the Manager who admitted Bernice to Laurier House in December 2011. She was so excited to be moving in to Laurier House before Christmas and was very

excited about all of the Christmas decorating that we did every year. She enjoyed participating in The Christmas Story Nativity Pageant on an annual basis and especially enjoyed the Laurier House evening Christmas party that was always attended by her family. Bernice was the epitome of a Laurier House resident. She loved life and her family equally with a passion. Bernice always had a smile and a kind word for everyone, especially residents, family members and staff.

Bernice was a fun-loving lady. She enjoyed all of the outings and social activities that we had at Laurier House, especially the shopping and dining out excursions. I recall several fun afternoons spent singing karaoke in the Parlour and enjoying some special dishes prepared by staff.

Bernice enjoyed spending time on her patio enjoying the view and especially enjoyed watching the growth of a little apple tree that I planted not far from her suite which we referred to as the "Charlie Brown" apple tree. Each one of the staff has many wonderful memories of Bernice that we will be sharing with each other to help lessen the grief of this tragic and unexpected loss. Bernice will be terribly missed by her Laurier House and Capital Care Strathcona extended family.

Hanna Handreka

**Hanna Handreka** - November 04, 2015 at 12:48 AM

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“ My condolences on the loss of your wonderful mother. I was fortunate to meet Bernice in the first month that my spouse was admitted to Harvest House next door to Laurier (July 2014). She was such a beautiful woman, always greeting me with a big smile and making me feel happy to be alive when I was having a bad day. One day she noticed my Nana Hamer jacket and we started talking about family. We discovered that we were somehow related "by marriage".... I was married to Robert (Bob), late son of Roger and Grace Hamer. I feel blessed to have known this wonderful woman, even for a short time. She will be missed.

**Deb Hamer** - November 03, 2015 at 11:48 PM