

Claudine W. Larson, 93, of Williston, ND passed away on Sunday, February 4, 2024 at CHI St. Alexius Hospital in Williston, ND.

Claudine was born to Claude and Elva Whitaker on February 18, 1930 in Cabarrus County, NC. She grew up in Kannapolis, NC, graduating from Cannon High School in 1948. She went onto earn a bachelors degree in education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

During 1955, she and her sister Marie traveled extensively for the National Education Association. She was a former member of Kannapolis First Presbyterian Church.

She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma teacher's sorority. It was while she was teaching in California that she met her future husband, Frank when they were attending a dance and were married in 1964. They were members of the Methodist Church of Grenora, ND. Claudine taught 1 year in Alamo, ND before getting a teaching contract in Grenora. She continued to teach elementary school for many years until her retirement. She was so proud of teaching children to read and write.

After the passing of her husband Frank in 1988, she continued to live in Grenora with her sister, Marie Van Meter, with whom she helped take care of her mother until her mother's passing in 2002. After Marie passed in 2008, Claudine eventually relocated to the Arbor House in Williston, and finally to Bethel Home.

Claudine was an avid piano player, and regularly played piano for her church for many years, she enjoyed singing and food! She was also a fan of Nascar and hometown hero Dale Earnhardt Jr. She and her friend, Val enjoyed several trips to various Nascar tracks and races and was excited to meet Martha Earnhardt. A collector of memorabilia and knick knacks, she maintained a colorfully decorated, welcoming home.

She was quite proud of the 2 books she wrote and published, "The Twin's Surprise" and "An Unplanned Audition".

She is remembered fondly by many family and friends including Jim Van Meter, Loyal and Shirley Larson, Emil and Val Bleken and many more.

Claudine is survived by nephew, Jim Van Meter; nieces and nephews-in-law.

She is preceded in death by husband, Frank Larson; parents, Elva and Claude Whitaker; sister, Marie Van Meter; brother-in-law, Robert Van Meter; her faithful, loving dogs, Frisky and Renie.

Frisky and Renie



*Celebrating* THE *Life* OF

**Claudine W. Larson**

February 18, 1930 - February 4, 2024



*Music*   
is the mediator  
between *spiritual*  
and *sensual* life.

- Ludwig van Beethoven





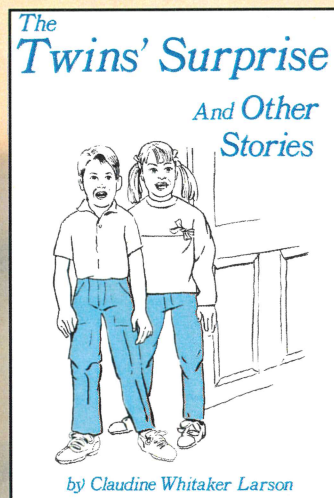
*Claudine dedicated this book to honor the memory of her husband Frank, who encouraged her to write children's stories.*



*Claudine Whitaker Larson herself was a teacher by profession and is thus an expert on what youngsters need and like in the field of children's literature.*



*Mrs. Larson is to be commended for respecting the budding intelligence of small children, for she does not talk down to them at any time. What she does accomplish is to draw children willingly into an experience of learning and enjoyment.*



# *In Loving Memory Claudine Larson*

**Born to Claude and Elva Whitaker**  
February 18, 1930 ~ Cabarrus County, North Carolina

**Called Home to Her Heavenly Father**  
February 4, 2024 ~ Williston, North Dakota

## **Funeral Service**

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 ~ 1:00 PM  
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel  
Williston, North Dakota

## **Officiating**

Pastor Ross Reinhiller

## **Accompanist**

Pat Lund

## **Soloists**

Steve and Darcia Larsen

Robyn Soiseth

## **Music**

"One Day At A Time"

"Beautiful Savior"

## **Pallbearers**

Lee Garaas

Jim Garaas

Fred Larson

Kyle Larson

Jimmy Van Meter

TJ Edwards

Loyal Larson

Emil Bleken

## **Final Resting Place**

Grenora Cemetery ~ Grenora, North Dakota

## **Arrangements By**

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home  
Williston, North Dakota