

Erna Numrich

MAY 1, 2021

Erna Numrich was born in Bixten, Latvia on April 13, 1935 into the family of Rudolf and Augusta Betcher. She passed away peacefully in Calgary, Alberta on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at the age of 86 years.



Erna is lovingly remembered by her husband, Ernst; her children, Norm (Heather), Andy (Lori); grandchildren, Amanda (Eric), Shawn (Mikaela), William, David; and great-grandchildren, Lucas and Hannah. Her sisters, Herta, Benita, (Sam), Erika (Winfred), Inge (Helmut); and brothers, Scotty and Ron.

Erna was predeceased by her parents, Augusta & Rudolph; her brother, Bruno; brother-in-law, Otto; and sister-in-law, Donna.

Erna lived a happy life in Bixten until the political landscape changed with the oncoming war. Desperately wanting to protect their young family from the war, the Betcher family escaped Europe and sailed to Canada where they eventually settled in Lethbridge, Alberta, where they were surrounded by a large Christian community.

Erna eventually moved to Calgary, Alberta where she met her future husband Ernst Numrich at the "First Church on Centre Street". They went on to marry on July 5, 1958 and were looking forward to celebrating 63 happy years of marriage in July 2021.

Mom was an amazing woman who loved Dad, her sons, their families and especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mom was completely

devoted to serving in the church, reading scripture, and continually praying for her family. She had a very deep love for the Lord.

The Lord granted Mom a long life where she thrived with her family and friends until the Lord called her home, the place where she always longed to be. She has fought the good fight, she has finished her race, she has kept the faith.

Messages of Condolence

Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of loss of your wife, mom and Oma.

Tante Erna was an amazing lady with a strong faith and love for her Lord as well as a witty sense of humour which I loved so much about her. My kids remember going to Bethany with my mom to visit Oma Betcher and Tante Erna would usually be there as well. They have vivid memories of her making them laugh and teasing with them. So much a part of her way with kids and people and her outlook on day to day things.

We will miss Tante Erna so much and we are so sorry for your loss.

Much love,

The Hamby Family

— **The Hamby Family**

Dear Norm,

It is with great sadness to hear that your Mom has passed away. I am praying that the Lord will comfort you with His peace and surround you with His love. Mom sees now what she believed in.

She lived a long life, you will miss her, but memories of her will be a joy and comfort to you.

My thoughts and prayers are with you

God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble. Psalms 46:1

With Christian love, Aunt Elli

— **Elli Rast**

Dear Andy,

It is with great sadness to hear that Mom has passed away. I am praying that the Lord will comfort you with His peace and surround you with His love. Mom sees now what she believed in. She lived a long life, you will miss her, but memories of her will be a joy and comfort to you.

My thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless you and keep you!

"Casting all your care on Him, for He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

— **Elli Rast**

Dear Inge,

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your sister Erna. Praying that you will sense Gods presense in this time of sorrow. Erna sees now what she believed in, she is now in a much better place.

You are in my thoughts and prayers, God bless you!

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— **Elli Rast**

Dear Ericka,

I am so sorry to hear that your sister Erna passed away, but she is now in a much better place, no pain no sorrows, she sees now what she believed in. May the Lord put His loving arms around you, comfort you and give you peace. Erna was a blessing to me.

My thoughts and prayers are with you, God bless you!

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— **Elli Rast**

Dear Benita,

It is with great sadness to hear that your sister Erna has passed away. May Jesus put His arms around you and give you His inner peace. May each memory of Erna give you comfort, joy and love. Erna was a blessing to me.

My thoughts and prayers are with you, God bless you!

God is our refuge and strength. Psalms 46:1

— **Elli Rast**

Uncle Ernst, Norm, Andy and family, our deepest condolences in the sudden passing of Tante Erna. Please know we are all thinking and praying for you during this very difficult and sad time. May God provide His comfort for you all.

Respectfully,

Terry & family

— **Terry Freiter & family**

Dear Herta,

It is with great sadness to hear that your sister Erna, has passed away. I'm praying that you will feel God's presence in this time of sorrow. May Jesus put His arms around you and comfort you. May each memory of Erna give you comfort, joy and peace.

My thoughts and prayers are with you, and God bless you!

God is our refuge and strength... Psalms46:1

— **Elli Rast**

Dear Scotty,

It is with great sadness to hear that your sister has passed away. I am praying that you will feel God's presence in this time of sorrow. May Jesus put His arms around you and give you His inner peace. May each memory of Erna give you comfort and joy.

My thoughts and prayers are with you, and may God bless you!

He will wipe all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, suffering, crying, or pain... Revelation 21:4

— **Elli Rast**

Dear Ron,

I am so sorry for the loss of your sister Erna. May God's love comfort you and may His grace strengthen you. May each memory of Erna give you comfort and peace. She sees now what she believed in. She was a blessing to me!

My thoughts and prayers are with you, and may God bless you!
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— **Elli Rast**

Dear Ernie, Norm, Andy and family,

Please accept our condolences on the passing of Erna. We will always remember her as the friendly, kind and encouraging person that she was to all.

“I know that my redeemer lives,
and that in the end He will stand on the earth.
And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet in my flesh I will see God;
I myself will see Him
with my own eyes—I, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!” Job 19:25-27

Yours in Christ,
Art & Betty Klukas

— **Art & Betty Klukas**

My heartfelt sympathies go out to Ernie, Norm and Andy and their families. Growing up with Norm and Andy I always had a special regard for Tante Erna. She was always friendly and personable. Her faith was always there for everyone to see. She will be missed but we know that she is with the Lord.

Don & Lisa Oelke

— **Don & Lisa Oelke**

My sincerest condolences to the family at this time. I remember tante Erna as someone who loved her family & kind hearted. Her smiles & her sense of humor were appreciated. A beautiful blonde tante. God bless you and thank God for heaven & everlasting life where we will meet again.

— **Barb Prankard**

We want to offer our condolences on the passing of Erna to all of her family. It was well said, she finished the race well, and we are thankful that she is in heaven now. Our prayers will be with you, that God's comfort will encompass you at this hard time. We have good memories of the times when we were together in and out of Thornhill Baptist Church.

— **Elfriede and Waldemar Weiss**

We were saddened to hear of Erna's passing. On behalf of Olga and the rest of the family, please accept our condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We pray that the Lord would give you the strength to endure, in this time of grief, and his peace and comfort in knowing that you will see her again.

— **The Engfer's**

Dear Ernst, Norm, Andy and family. My heart is so sad to hear of Erna's passing. May you all lean on the everlasting arms of Jesus and know that she is sitting in His lap and seeing Him face to face. Sadness comes because she is no longer here but there is joy in knowing she has arrived to her eternal home. Holding you in my prayers. Much love and hugs, Rose

— **Rose Marie Zbirun**

Dear Ernst & Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you grieve the lose of your Wife, Mom and Oma. Faith is our comfort as we grieve. May your faith in Christ's promises bring you peace at this very sad time in your life. Erna was a joy to know and a shining example of Christ's love. We will miss her too.

In Christian sympathy and love,

Karl & Karin Strecker

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