

Leonida “Lee” “Toots” Marie (Berns) Fritz, age 93 of Perham, MN died Wednesday, August 20, 2025 in Perham Living.

Leonida was born November 26, 1931 in Perham to Leo and Agatha (Siebels) Berns. She attended school at District 128 and St. Henry’s School. Leonida married Urban Fritz on May 2, 1951 at St. Henry’s Catholic Church. She was an active member of St. Henry’s Christian Mothers and Holy Family Catholic United Financial for over 50 years. She raised her family and then worked at the Perham Bakery for over 20 years. Leonida was also an active member of the Perham Senior Center. Urban died November 28, 2000.

Surviving Leonida are her seven children: Mary (Jim) Carow of Oregon, Joseph (Donna) Fritz of Perham, Leo (Janelle) Fritz of Ottertail, MN, John Fritz of Perham, Rose (Mark) Fritz-Winkel of Sartell, MN, Dennis (Mary) Fritz of Perham, and Daniel Fritz of Perham; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; brother Joseph (Barbara) Berns of Perham; and sister-in-law Joyce Berns of Virginia.

Preceding Leonida in death were her parents; husband Urban Fritz; father and mother-in-law Albert and Otilla Fritz; brothers James (Nell), John, Jerry (Janice), and Charley (Elaine); sisters Catherine (Norbert) Doll, Rita (Albert) Rotta, and Mary Lou (Bill) Stoderl; sister-in-law Betty (Ray) Eraker; grandson Bryan Fritz; great-granddaughters Amelia Schaefer and baby girl Fritz; great-grandsons Keston Fritz and Joseph Kegley; and Godson Mike Eraker.

## *Celebrating* THE *Life* OF



# *Leonida Marie Fritz*

November 26, 1931 - August 20, 2025

God saw her getting tired,  
a cure not meant to be,  
So He put His arms

AROUND HER, AND WHISPERED...

*"Come With Me."*



### **Funeral Mass**

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.  
St. Henry's Catholic Church  
Perham, Minnesota

### **Officiants**

Father Omar Guanchez  
Father Nathaniel Daubner  
Deacon Richard Quistorff

### **Musicians**

Brother Jacob Berns  
Michael Mettler  
Tina Grewe

### **Musical Selections**

"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"  
"How Great Thou Art"  
"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"  
"On Eagle's Wings"  
"Go in Peace"  
"City of God"

### **Casket Bearers**

Christine Branch - Ruth Lewanski  
Mike Berns - Ron Berns  
Ken Eraker - Roy Truitt

### **Interment**

St. Henry's Catholic Cemetery  
Perham, Minnesota

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*The bouquet of red roses  
represent each of Lee's  
great -grandchildren.  
The sunflowers are in  
memory of her  
great-grandchildren  
The single white rose is in  
memory of her godchild,  
Mike Eraker*