



## Wanda Marlys "Shorty" Terning

December 13, 1934 - May 2, 2024

Wanda Marlys "Shorty" Terning, age 89, of Dassel, died Thursday, May 2, 2024, at the Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson, Minnesota. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 13, 2024, at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Dassel with the Rev. Janine Olson officiating.

A time to gather and reminisce will be held one hour prior to the service on Monday, May 13, 2024, starting at 10:00 a.m., at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Dassel.

Wanda Marlys (Rieck) Terning, the daughter of Robert and Esther (Ziedler) Rieck, was born on December 13, 1934, in Howard Lake, Minnesota. Wanda grew up in Howard Lake and graduated from Howard Lake High School. She was baptized and confirmed in the Christian faith and was presently a member of the Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Dassel.

On June 16, 1956, Shorty was united in marriage to Evans Erland Terning. They lived their lives in Cokato, Glencoe, Plainview, Howard Lake and in 1985, they moved to Dassel where they built a home on the shore of Lake Washington. Shorty was employed at a grocery store when they resided in Plainview. She drove a school bus for the Howard Lake School District for numerous years, worked as a detasseling foreman, delivered chicks to

farmers and sorted corn. She also enjoyed traveling. Together with Evans they experienced Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Nova Scotia, and numerous states including Alaska and Hawaii. She was an avid outdoors woman who loved camping and fishing and could often be found with a fishing pole in her hand on her dock or in an ice fish house. Shorty and Evans had taken many fishing excursions to Canada, and she had recently taken fishing trips to the Lake of the Woods with good friends and family. Shorty always enjoyed spending time outdoors watching and feeding the birds, planting, weeding, and taking care of her garden. Her family was the most important part of her life. She enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, and her great grandchild. She loved the holidays and other family events, the fourth of July and especially Christmas, (we will miss the fabulous roast beef).

She is survived by her children, Kim (Philip Thiesse) Tarning of Gig Harbor, Washington, and Karl (Cammy Moses) Tarning of Dassel, five grandchildren, Robert Lemke, Paige (Erik Fremstad) Thiesse, Cody Moses, Madeline (Curtis Wen) Thiesse, and Samantha (Tyler) Dobmeier, and one great grandchild, Violet Jo Dobmeier. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, whom she loved as her own.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Evans, daughter, Kari Lemke, parents, Robert and Esther Rieck, and her sisters, Joyce Carlson and Arlys Gayner.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church  
221 Atlantic Ave E  
Dassel, MN 55325  
office@glcdassel.com  
<http://www.glcdassel.com>

## Memorial Service

MAY 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MA

“ As a young child, I remember a Wanda that drove the school bus for HLW. She had mints with her that she would knowingly allow me and my friend Neal snatch from her. That and we would hide on the bus. She drove bus number 15. Is this the same Wanda I am writing about?

Marty - June 08, 2025 at 06:55 AM

MH

“ Sorry I won't make Shorty's memorial service. She was great to work with, always had a positive attitude. Deepest condolences.  
~Marilyn Howk

Marilyn Howk - May 13, 2024 at 11:53 AM

TF

“ The Kelly Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Wanda Marlys "Shorty" Tarning.



The Kelly Family - May 08, 2024 at 03:57 PM

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“ The Kelly Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wanda Marlys "Shorty" Tarning.

The Kelly Family - May 08, 2024 at 03:57 PM

TC

“ I spent a lot of time at Wanda and Evans house in Howard Lake with Kim when we were growing up. They took me places I would have never experienced growing up. I was truly blessed to have them in my life at that time. I've thought of her kindness and laugh many times over the years. Rest in Peace knowing you made a difference.

*Trudy Clausen*

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**Trudy Clausen** - May 07, 2024 at 04:01 PM

EK

“ Shorty and I and her sister Joyce were good friends until we weren't. Shorty and Evans and I and Wayne did a lot of traveling together, Particularly fond of our trip to the coast of Maine where we were hooked on the tide to look for shells. RIP Shorty

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**Elaine Kuester** - May 06, 2024 at 03:50 PM

JD

“ Jeanette, Roger, Gene, Delores purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Wanda Marlys "Shorty" Terning.



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**Jeanette, Roger, Gene, Delores** - May 05, 2024 at 12:35 PM