

*I then shall live as one who's been forgiven.
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am His child and I am not afraid.
So, greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother;
The law of love I gladly will obey.
I then shall live as one who's learned compassion.
I've been so loved, that I'll risk loving too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;
I'll dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment,
Then I'll be there to care and follow through.
Your Kingdom come around and through and in me;
Your power and glory, let them shine through me.
Your Hallowed Name, O may I bear with honor,
And may Your living Kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor,
And may You feed a hungry world through me.
Amen, Amen, Amen*



*The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his
face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his
countenance upon you,
And give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26*



LuVerne Gloria (Suckow) Hagestuen, age 84, went to meet Our Savior on December 6, 2021. She was comforted by her daughters as she met her loving and merciful God.

Vernie was born on December 29, 1936, in Holloway, Minnesota, to August and Helen (Erdman) Suckow. She grew up with five siblings, Florence, Mildred, Doreen, Doris, and Harold.

During high school, Vernie participated in Glee Club and choir. She was a devout Lutheran and was confirmed at Fron Lutheran in Starbuck. Vernie graduated from Starbuck High School, and soon after married Richard M. Hagestuen on September 16, 1955. The two moved to Mandan, North Dakota

where they worked, lived, and raised their family. She enjoyed music, nature, painting, and singing. Vernie worked at the local Central Drug and for many years as a volunteer for hospice. She found great comfort in providing care to others, as she was a natural caretaker. However, her greatest joy came from being a mom, grandma, and great grandma. Some of the family’s fondest memories include tea parties (complete with sugar cubes and old hats), watermelon seed spitting contests on the 4th of July, and wonderful home-cooked meals, especially her lemon poppyseed bread.

Vernie and her late husband went on many rides in the country with their dogs. Vernie also put a lot of her energy into sewing Dawn and Kirsten’s clothing, creating beautiful dresses that the two would wear to church. She also painted scenes from nature, and even won a few contests for her art. Vernie will be remembered for her creativity, especially her enjoyment found from interior decorating, nature, and singing. Her love of music has been passed on to her family, and many remember visiting her, struggling to hear what was being said during conversations because the music was blaring in the background.

She is survived by her daughters, Dawn (Bob) Fix of Mandan, ND and Kirsten (Oak) Reile of Fargo, ND; sister, Doris Gorder of Starbuck; 7 grandkids, Beth (Jesse) Brademeyer, Brian (Katie) Fix and Megan Fix; Sam (Jessica) Reile, Ben (Desiree) Reile, and Jed (Courtney) Reile, and Grace (Brian) Krippner; and 21 great grandkids.

Vernie was greeted at heaven’s gates by her late husband, Richard M. Hagestuen, and three of her children, Jonathan, Kai, and Kari. Also preceding her in death are three of her great grandchildren, Parker, Bentley, and Evlyn. Three of her sisters, Florence Sylte, Mildred Suckow, and Doreen Stolt, along with her brother, Harold Suckow, and many other family members and friends welcomed her with open arms into God’s Kingdom.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the World Hunger Organization via website, mail, or by phone. ELCA World Hunger, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 or call 1-800-638-3522.

Funeral Service

Friday, December 17, 2021; 10:30 AM

First Lutheran Church
408 9th Street NW
Mandan, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Phil Leer

Lector

Beth Brademeyer

Musicians

Loretta White & Kyler Reile

Soloist

Angie Kutzer

Urn bearers

Grandsons ~ Brian Fix, Sam Reile, Ben Reile
Jed Reile, Brian Krippner, & Jesse Brademeyer

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF LUVERNE HAGESTUEN

Processional	“The Prayer” - CD music
Gathering	
Thanksgiving for Baptism	p.279-280
Opening Hymn	“On Eagles Wings” #787
Prayer of the Day	p.281
Reading of Obituary	
Readings	Psalm 121 Psalm 130
Sermon	Pastor Phil Leer
Hymn of the Day	“Beautiful Savior” #838
Apostle’s Creed	p.282
Prayers of Intercession	
Special Music	“The Lord’s Prayer”
Commendation	p.283
Benediction	
Hymn	“Amazing Grace” #779
Dismissal	

The family invites you for food and fellowship in the basement following the service.