



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Virginia M. Peterson

SEPTEMBER 28, 1935 – DECEMBER 13, 2022

GOD saw you were getting tired
When a cure was not to be.
He closed his *Arms*
around you and whispered,
"Come To Me."

In tears we saw you sinking,
we watched you fade away.

Our *Hearts*
were almost broken,
you fought so hard to stay.

But when we saw you sleeping
so peacefully, free from pain,
we should not wish you back to suffer that again.

So treasure her, Lord, in your garden of rest.

For here on earth,

She Was The Best.

Services At:

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church - Hancock, Minnesota
Saturday - December 17, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:
Reverend Julius Miller

Musician:
Sandy Pahl

Soloist:
John VerSteeg

Pallbearers:

Virginia's Grandsons:

Andrew Evink, Mitchell Maanum, Jeffrey Peterson
Justin Peterson, Jordan Peterson, Briar Peterson, Brock Peterson

Honorary Pallbearers:

Virginia's Granddaughters:

Ashley Cooney, Amber Woods, Kari Eaheart
Trisha Viss, Tina Viss, Tyana Viss
Alissa Steffens, Carly Meyer, Brielle Peterson

Interment:

Lakeside Cemetery - Hancock, Minnesota

Thank you for your many acts of kindness and support during this difficult time. In lieu of sending individual thank you notes, memorials will be donated in Virginia's name to local charities.

Virginia Mae Peterson was born to Rudolph and Myrtle (Natland) Thompson on September 28, 1935 in Benson, Minnesota. She grew up in Camp Lake Township near Swift Falls, Minnesota and attended country school at district #73 until high school, where she would attend in Benson until graduating in 1953.

After graduation, Virginia worked at both the bank in Pennock and as the clerk of court in Benson. During this time, she met Verlin Peterson at a roller-skating rink and the two were married on June 15, 1957 at Rolling Forks Church in Swift Falls. Together the couple welcomed six children and farmed south of Hancock in Tara Township until Verlin's unexpected death in 1979. After Verlin's death, Virginia continued to live on the farm until 1991, when she would move into Hancock. While living in town, Virginia worked at West Wind Village in Morris for 17 years; for a short period of time, she also enjoyed working part-time as a cook at the Hancock Public School. In May of 2014, Virginia moved to West Central Christian Homes in Morris and remained there until she moved to West Wind Village in 2020. While living at both places, she enjoyed visiting, having coffee, and playing bingo and cards. Throughout her life, Virginia remained very involved with church, she especially loved being a member of the Ladies Aid group at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Hancock.

Virginia passed away on December 13, 2022 at West Wind Village in Morris; she was 87 years old.

Left to cherish her memory are her children: Randy (LaVonne) Peterson of Decorah, IA, Rodney (Carolyn) Peterson of Hancock, Reed (Carla) Peterson of Morris, Julie (Bart) Viss of Sioux Falls, SD, Janet (Mike) Evink of Hancock, and Jeannie (Wade) Maanum of Farwell; her brother, Marvel (Mae) Thompson of Benson, as well as sixteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, with one on the way and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Verlin; her parents, Rudolph and Myrtle Thompson; her mother and father-in-law, Ted and Alma Peterson; sister-in-law, Shirley (Joseph Jr.) Findlay; and one nephew, Bryan Findlay.

